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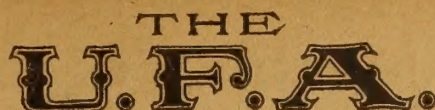
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## EDITORIAL

### KEEP FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

The Head Office of the Alberta Wheat Pool specially requests every member of the Pool to keep this issue on file for future reference. It contains the answers to many questions which may arise from time to time in the course of the grower's handling of his wheat, and in his relations with the Head Office, and a reference to its pages will, in a large number of cases, save the member the trouble of special correspondence. Should any member desire further information upon any of the matters dealt with in this issue, he is requested to write to Head Office, which will be glad to clear up any point about which he may be in doubt. Copies of this issue are being sent to all members of the Pool.

### BIG BUSINESS

The idea of big business coupled with democratic control in the interest of large numbers of comparatively small producers is novel. At least, its application in practice is new. The Co-operative Wheat Pool enterprise of Western Canada, which has just completed its second year of existence, and its first as an enterprise embracing other Provinces than Alberta, has applied these novel principles with a degree of success without precedent or parallel. In 1923 it was an experiment—today, it is a firmly established institution and is beginning to challenge comparison with many of the greatest business enterprises in the world.

In 1924 the gross earnings of the Canadian Pacific Railway were in the neighborhood of \$180,000,000. The wheat of the 1924 crop handled by the Central Selling Agency of the three Western Pools totalled approximately 85,000,000 bushels, and, leaving out of consideration the final payment, the amount of which has not yet been announced, the total value of the payments made to date is at an exceedingly conservative estimate, not less than \$110,000,000. These may be considered to be the gross earnings of the Pool wheat growers of the Prairie Provinces. The comparison between the gross earnings of the C. P. R. and those of the family of sturdy infants, the firstborn of which is little more than two years of age, is illuminating. If the Pools continue to expand as they have done since their establishment, they will, within a few years, be able to record gross earnings exceeding those of one of the world's most powerful corporations, whose history dates back to the beginning of the period of Canadian expansion and development.

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A year ago, approximately 85,000 wheat growers, with about 10,000,000 acres of wheat land, were signed up in the Pools. Today the combined membership of the three Pools is in excess of 95,000, and the combined acreage totals more than 12,000,000.

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### CONCENTRATING ON FUNDAMENTALS

By common consent of all delegates who attended the Third Annual Meeting of the Alberta Wheat Pool, the meeting was more determined in concentrating upon fundamental problems than any of its predecessors. It was the best balanced and the most harmonious since the establishment of the Pool. It was in the best sense of the term, conservative. Delegates were deeply conscious of their responsibility for the success of the undertaking—of the necessity of doing first things first, and building up from year to year upon a foundation made solid and secure.

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We regret that owing to pressure upon our space it has been necessary to hold over the report of the Little Bow U. F. A. Provincial Constituency Convention, and in addition, one or two other brief items of interest from Locals, until our next issue.

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The U. F. A. throughout the Province has turned its main energies during the present year to the drive for the new Co-operative Marketing Pools—which is all good U. F. A. work. The Pools have all obtained the necessary minimum sign-up called for in the contracts. The very great advantages which have accrued from close co-operation in the drives, between the new Pools and the general farm organization, are indicated by Mrs. Wyman elsewhere in this issue.



# Third Annual Meeting of Alberta Wheat Pool Finds Pool Stronger Than Ever and Opponents Weaker---Delegates Concentrate on Fundamentals

Efficient Selling on World's Markets Recognized as Primary Purpose of Pool, and All Other Activities as Secondary—Two Cents a Bushel to Be Set Aside for Elevator Reserve and One-half of One Per Cent.

Suggested as Commercial Reserve, From Proceeds of 1924 Crop

Displaying an unmistakable appreciation of the need for concentrating on the building up of an efficient means of selling the wheat of members on the markets of the world, as the primary purpose of the Pool, delegates to the Third Annual Meeting of the Alberta Co-operative Wheat Producers, Ltd., in Calgary on August 5th and 6th, examined in detail and with great thoroughness the operations and finances of the Pool during the past year, and expressed their approval of the policy of the Board.

The secondary character of all other activities, as compared with the Pool's chief function as a selling agency for its members, was very clearly recognized in the action taken upon forty or more resolutions which came up for consideration. The undesirability (to quote President Wood), of "attempting to build a superstructure at the expense of the foundations of the Pool", of dissipating upon other matters energy which should first be directed to the perfecting of a marketing agency, was strongly emphasized during the two days' sessions.

"Just as soon as you begin to emphasize the necessity of speed, of immediate action in doing the supplementary, secondary things, at the expense of the establishment of the primary things", said the President, "you are going to weaken your institution." The delegates clearly demonstrated their determination that there shall be no weakening from such a cause.

## COMPLETE AGENDA ON SECOND DAY

General satisfaction was expressed with the results of the Pool of 1924-25, to date, and the meeting was harmonious throughout. The reports of the Board of Directors and the financial statements were adopted unanimously, all of the items being closely examined by the delegates, and at the conclusion of the proceedings unanimous votes of thanks to the chairmen, to the Board, and to the staff of the Pool, were adopted. R. Cates of Oyen, and J. P. Watson of Chinook, were the elected chairman and

## Wheat Pool Delegates Re-elected All Last Year's Directors

At the Annual Meeting of the Alberta Co-operative Wheat Producers, Ltd., held last week, all of the members of the Board of Directors who have held office during the past year were re-elected, as was also the case a year ago. The Board met for a very short time immediately after the conclusion of the meeting of delegates, and adjourned to August 19th, when business arising out of the Annual Meeting will be disposed of.

The personnel of the Board of Directors is as follows:

H. W. Wood, Carstairs, Red Deer District.  
C. Jensen, Magrath, Lethbridge District.  
W. J. Jackman, Bremner, Edmonton District.  
O. L. McPherson, M.L.A., Vulcan, Claresholm District.  
Ben S. Plumer, Bassano, South Calgary District.  
Lew Hutchinson, Duhamel, Camrose District.  
R. A. McPherson, Delia, North Calgary District.  
R. A. McPherson was first elected to the Board, following the resignation of R. N. Mangles, the former Director for North Calgary District, to take charge of the Growers' Department at the Head Office.

assistant chairman, and presided over the sessions. It had been anticipated that at least three days would be required to dispose of all the resolutions, but concentration on the business in hand enabled the delegates to complete the agenda on the second day. R. O. German, secretary of the Pool, acted as secretary of the meeting.

## TWO CENTS A BUSHEL FOR ELEVATOR RESERVE

The meeting adopted by unanimous vote a resolution to the effect that two cents per bushel for elevator reserve, and one-half of one per cent. for commercial reserve, shall be deducted from the proceeds of the 1924 crop. The mover of the resolution, Col. Robinson of Munson, pointed out that the acquirement of elevators, now or later, is a matter for the judgment of the Board. That the setting aside of these reserves at this time will meet with the approval of the membership throughout the Prov-

ince, was apparent from the statements of all delegates who spoke upon this resolution.

## LITTLE DEMAND FOR COARSE GRAIN POOL

A resolution recommending "that the Pool broaden out to introduce a Coarse Grain Pool", was lost by a large majority after a brief discussion. One of the Northern delegates said that a great proportion of the coarse grains grown in his district is used for the feeding of stock. He added that there was very little demand for the establishment of a Pool for these grains in the North at the present time. There was a general feeling, in view of information presented to the meeting, that the time for the Wheat Pool to divert any part of its energies into such new channels has not yet arrived.

## LESS THAN TWO-FIFTHS CENT PER BUSHEL

Consideration of the financial statements and of the Directors' report occupied a great part of the first day of the meeting. It will be remembered that the final report for the year 1923-24, the first year of the Pool, was not available when the delegates met a year ago. This report was accordingly submitted last week. It showed that the cost of administration during the first year of operation was, as had been previously estimated, somewhat less than two-fifths of a cent per bushel. The interim report for the season of 1924-25 showed a considerable sum set aside for commercial reserve. It also indicated that financial assistance by way of loan had been given to the Livestock and Dairy Pools, to enable them to carry on the work of organization. The action of the Board in this matter was approved by the delegates.

In presenting their annual report the Board of Directors expressed pleasure in being able to record another year's successful operation. "Although the financial year is not quite complete," they stated, "there is every reason to anticipate that the result of the year's business will be satisfactory to our members. There has already been paid to the grower \$1.55 per bushel for No. 1 Northern wheat, basis Vancouver, in the initial and two interim payments, and there will be a further distribution to be made in the near future."

## PEAK PRICE VERY TEMPORARY IN CHARACTER

While indicating that it is as yet too early to make comparisons, the report points out that the attempt which has been made in some quarters, to show that the returns to the Pool member were below those realized by a few individual shippers who were able to sell during



the brief period when a phenomenally high point was touched on the Winnipeg exchange, are eminently unfair. This high price, very temporary in character, was largely the result of speculation, and little actual wheat was changing hands at the time. Without depressing the price to the other extreme, it would have been impossible for large quantities of Pool wheat to have been unloaded on the market under the conditions then prevailing. Buyers of actual wheat were in fact refraining from purchasing more than was absolutely necessary to fill their immediate requirements. The few cases of farmers who were able to sell their wheat at the top market thus afforded no real comparison with the prices realized by Pool members.

#### POOL STRONGER THAN EVER— OPPONENTS WEAKER

The report then deals with the swing to extremely low prices, which followed shortly afterwards. This was due to exceedingly heavy shipments from certain countries and to the attempt of opponents of co-operative marketing to take advantage of this condition to drive the price still lower in the hope of crippling the Pool. The attempt failed, and, as the Directors point out, the Pool was left stronger than ever, and its opponents correspondingly weaker.

The Directors expressed the opinion that the returns to members were sufficiently high to warrant liberal deductions to provide for elevator purchase and commercial reserve, and asked for an expression of opinion upon this matter. The report dealt further with the organization of the Interprovincial Selling Agency.

Deep regret was expressed in the death of the late C. M. Elliott, whose hard work in the early months of the Pool's existence, "was of enormous assistance in establishing the Pool." The positions of manager of the Alberta Pool and Western selling agent for the Interprovincial Selling Agency were divided, subsequent to the establishment of Pools by the other Provinces, and R. D. Purdy, then assistant manager of the Bank of Montreal, at Edmonton, was appointed Alberta manager. Mr. Purdy had fully justified the Board's choice. The Board expressed the fullest confidence in the ability of George McIvor to fill the position of Western selling agent, to which he had been appointed. Much good work had been done by the office opened at Edmonton with W. H. Boyle in charge, in protecting the interests of shippers and affording information to members.

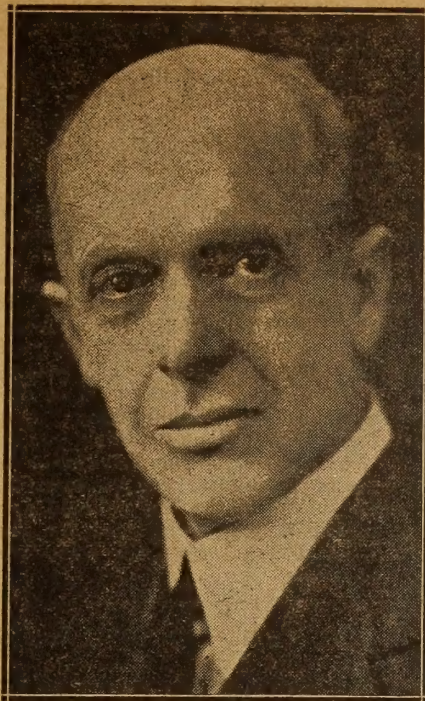
The report stated that the separating of the Growers' Accounting Department from the Grain Trade Accounting Work had led to increased efficiency in the office, and provided a sympathetic medium of contact with members. Upon Mr. Mangles of the Board of Directors being appointed to take charge of this department, R. A. McPherson of Delia, had been elected to fill the vacancy on the Board.

Investigations made by the Board during the year into the matter of country and terminal elevator facilities were discussed in the report.

#### CASES OF BREACH OF CONTRACT BY MEMBERS

"One of the problems which has had to be dealt with during the year is that of breaches of contract by our members," stated the Directors.

"The high price prevailing at one time was a great temptation to sell outside



PRESIDENT H. W. WOOD

the Pool, and there were many rumors of members doing this. Eighty-nine specific cases were brought to the attention of your Board, and all of them were investigated. Twenty-nine were found to be without foundation. Four cases were placed in the hands of our legal advisers, and of these one was settled out of court by the defendant paying the penalty of twenty-five cents per bushel and the costs. Writs have been issued in the other three cases and placed with our lawyers. Fifty-two cases are still under observation or investigation. The loyalty of our members is absolutely essential to the success of the Pool, and whilst steps may quite properly be taken to enforce the penalty in the case of deliberate breach of the agreement, we feel in a general way that it is a matter for education rather than compulsion.

"We are pleased to record that an association of a social and educational character has been formed amongst our staff in Calgary, under the name of 'The Wheat Kernels', which is doing a great deal to foster the 'esprit de corps' which is so desirable in an institution such as ours."

The meeting rejected by a very decisive majority a resolution proposing that a new division of the Province into Pool districts and sub-districts be made on the strict membership basis. The mover of the resolution, which was in the

Committees of the annual meeting were appointed as follows:

Order of Business: A. C. Scratch, Irricana; Wm. Mohler, Strome; George Bennett, Mannville.

Resolutions: H. C. McDaniel, Whitla; A. R. Brown, Westlock; T. P. Baker, Ponoka.

Redrafting: J. P. Watson, Chinook; J. E. Brown, Castor; George W. Wood, Parkland.

nature of a constitutional amendment, contended that the present division into districts approximately on the basis of acreage was undemocratic, as it gave to the vote of the member in districts where the average acreage was large, a greater value than was possessed by the

member where average acreage was comparatively small. No demand for this change in the division of the districts had come from the north, where the average acreage per member is smallest, said one of the delegates. Very heavy expense, the delegate remarked, would be entailed in making completely new district lists, should the proposal be adopted. The Wheat Pool districts in Saskatchewan, Secretary German indicated, are divided on an acreage basis.

#### SUB-DISTRICT NOMINATIONS ARE DISAPPROVED

The meeting also rejected by a large majority a proposed amendment to the constitution to provide for the nomination of district delegates at conventions of members in each sub-district. In many parts of the North, it was pointed out, it would be impossible to obtain even fair representation at such conventions. The shippers in many cases live hundreds of miles apart, and travelling is frequently difficult at the time when it would be necessary to hold the conventions.

Another proposal, that district delegates be elected from the Locals instead of from arbitrary geographic divisions, also met with defeat. The mover of the resolution emphasized the fact that the best results were obtained by the Pool at points where Locals had been organized. A member who did not take enough interest in the Pool to attend a Local meeting once a year, he said, "ought to be disfranchised." Another delegate pointed out, however, as a strong objection to the resolution, that there are some parts of the Province where the establishment of Locals would be very difficult.

#### TO DEAL WITH CONTINGENCY OF ADJOURNED MEETINGS

The meeting considered the desirability, after disposing of all business of outstanding importance, of adjourning to the late fall to deal with the final reports on the handling of the crop of 1924, not yet available. This course, however, was not followed, the delegates, after acting upon all items on the agenda, adjourning without making provision for the continuation of the meeting later in the present year. An amendment to Section 12 of the By-laws was passed, however, which would make feasible the holding of an adjourned session of the annual meeting in the fall of any future year, should this be desired.

The by-law, as it stood before amendment, read as follows:

12. The District Delegates of each District shall meet for the purpose of appointing the Trustees for that District at the place of and immediately after the Annual Meeting of the Association.

Under the terms of the unamended By-law it would not have been possible, if the annual meeting adjourned to the late fall, to elect the Board of Directors at the August meeting, since the By-law specifically provided that the election must take place IMMEDIATELY AFTER the annual meeting. The amendment struck out the words "immediately after" and substituted the word "during". It is now possible, therefore, for the delegates to elect the Directors when they convene in August, although the annual meeting may not be concluded until November.

#### MIGHT NECESSITATE SPECIAL ELECTION

By a large majority the delegates voted down a proposal to make Directors ineligible for election as delegates to the annual meeting. Only one delegate



spoke in support of the resolution. It was pointed out that if this proposal were adopted, a vacancy would be created whenever any delegate to the annual meeting was elected to the Board. This would necessitate a special election, and thus make considerably more complicated and more expensive the machinery by which the governing body of the Pool is set up.

#### "GIVE UP CODDLING IDEA", SAYS DELEGATE

"Give up the idea of coddling the Locals, and let them meet their own costs," was the remark of E. W. Goodridge of Egremont, when a resolution was brought before the meeting asking that the accounts of local Wheat Pool associations, for rentals, postage and stationery should be paid out of the funds of the Pool. "There is no such coddling idea in the U. F. A.," added the delegate, "and if there were the movement would be seriously weakened. If we introduce such a system into our Pool affairs, it will provide an excellent

way of swallowing up the funds which should be available for distribution to our members."

Carl Axelsson of Bingville, also strongly opposed the proposal. "There are lots of people who would be glad enough of an excuse for getting money out of the Pool in this way," said he, "and we should not give them the opportunity."

Then an amendment was moved, to the effect that certain payments of expenses should be made, not to Locals, but to sub-districts, and a sub-amendment proposed that the amount be limited to \$10 for each sub-district. Both resolution and amendments, however, were rejected by large majorities. The general opinion appeared to be that local or district organizations should stand upon their own feet. Money which would otherwise be available for distribution to members in the regular way as payments for their wheat in the Pool, should not, most of the delegates seemed to be agreed, be diverted from the Pool into other channels.

The Board was urged to get in touch with other co-operative wheat marketing agencies for the purpose of co-ordinating production and marketing in all wheat producing countries, with a view to the establishment of international selling agencies. The carrying on of educational work by the Alberta Pool and disseminating of co-operative information were also authorized.

A delegate who had stated that wheat had been consigned to the Pool from his district by a non-contract holder, was asked to report the matter to the Head Office, as it is not the policy of the Pool to handle wheat for non-members.

A resolution recommending to the Directors "that the second payment on all grades of wheat below the three contract grades be made low enough so that in case of a drop in price any over-payment on these grades would be avoided," was rejected by the meeting, on the ground that this was a matter properly to be dealt with by the Board and management.

### Delegates and Executive Officers at the Third Annual Meeting of the Alberta Wheat Pool



Front Row, left to right—C. A. Fawcett (F1), Consort; R. N. Mangles, Supt. Growers' Accounts; Lew Hutchinson (F10), Duhamel, Director Camrose; R. A. MacPherson (D9), Delta, Director North Calgary; C. Jensen (A4), Magrath, Director Lethbridge; H. W. Wood (E1), Carstairs, President; W. J. Jackman, Bremner, Director Edmonton; R. O. German, Secretary; Geo. McIvor, Western Sales Agent (C.C.W.P.); R. D. Purdy, Manager; H. C. Wingate (B8), Cayley.

Second Row—W. A. Mitchell (F3), Czar; C. C. Wager (F5), Federal; Harry Bunn (C2), Atlee; C. W. Robinson (D10), Munson; T. Johnson (F4), Loyalist; D. Williamson (F6), Hardisty; R. Cates (D2), Oyen; C. H. Axelsson (A10), Bingville; Wm. Mohler (F9), Strome; J. Ferguson (G5), Tofield; J. F. Long (E6), Gadsby; J. P. Watson (D5), Chinook.

Third Row—A. C. Scratch (C8), Irricana; E. I. Duffield (B1), Pincher Creek; E. W. Goodridge (G7), Egremont; Angus Watson (C7), Strathmore; C. A. Craig (C10), Langdon; T. A. Thorssen (C5), Namaka; W. J. Blair (D3), Sedalia; J. O. Anderson (B10), Blackie; O. M. Smith (F2), Provost.

Fourth Row—J. W. Laing (F8), Galahad; R. V. Bamber (D1), Sibbald; H. C. McDaniel (A7), Whitla; E. H. Keith (G9), Lake Saskatoon; Jos. Schell (D6), Stanmore; H. M. Bailey (G10), Waterhole; V. J. Bertrand (B9), Milo; E. A. Hanson (E5), Big Valley; Andrew Holmberg (G4), Viking; Wm. Hallum (F7), Sedgewick; A. H. Steckle (A2), Milk River; T. P. Bowlby (A5), Coaldale.

Fifth Row—J. A. Harris (A9), Retlaw; A. McLean (D8), Sunnynook; T. A. Reynar (A6), Maleb; A. W. Fraser (G6), Vegreville; A. R. Brown (G8), Westlock; E. D. Blain (D7), Hanna; Geo. Coutts (C3), Pandora; D. H. Galbraith, M.L.A. (B7), Vulcan; J. W. L. Hooker (A8), Travers; John Atkinson (C9), Carbon; J. H. Suggett (E3), Bentley; H. Renkenberger (B2), Barons; George Bennett (G3), Mannville; J. J. Evenson (A1), Manyberries; L. S. Dawson (D4), Chinook.

Back Row—J. J. Strang (B3), Claresholm; John Fowle (C1), Social Plain; F. M. Ford (G1), Heath; A. M. Twidale (E3), Elnora; H. L. Frayne (E2), Trochu; G. W. Wood (B4), Parkland; E. W. Pust (C6), Rockyford; T. P. Baker (E10), Ponoka; J. E. Brown (E7), Castor; T. C. Barrett (E8), Red Willow.

Messrs. O. L. McPherson, M.L.A. (B6), Vulcan, Director for Claresholm; Ben S. Plumer (C4), Bassano, Director for South Calgary; Hugh S. Parker (B5), Carmangay; L. M. Grant (A3), Warner; P. Enzenauer, M.L.A. (G2), Lloydminster; and N. S. Smith, M.L.A. (E4), Oids, are not in the group. The Sub-district represented by each delegate is indicated in parentheses.



## THOROUGH DISCUSSION ON ELEVATOR QUESTION

At Thursday morning's session a very thorough discussion took place on the elevator question, members of the Board of Directors laying before the delegates valuable information upon this matter.

The following motion was adopted when the meeting reconvened in the afternoon:

Resolved, that this convention recommend to the incoming Board that they make every endeavor to erect elevators



R. D. PURDY  
Manager Alberta Wheat Pool

along railway lines where the Pool sign-up would warrant same, if such be in conformity with the general program.

Delegates who spoke on this resolution explained that it was not intended to give explicit instructions to the Board in regard to matters upon which they would from time to time have to make the most exhaustive inquiries, and to decide in the best interests of the Pool as a whole. Col. Robinson remarked that only where wheat could be handled by the Pool as an economic proposition and on sound business lines, would the operation of elevators be desirable.

A copy of the Pool's elevator contract will be sent to every Pool Local upon request and to every delegate to the annual meeting. This course was followed last year, and proved satisfactory.

A resolution requesting the Board of Directors to "investigate fully the method of grading wheat by protein test with a view of advocating the adoption of same", called forth one of the most interesting discussions of the day. The resolution carried.

The meeting advised that the management of the Pool follow the same procedure as last year in regard to the distribution of financial statements.

## PROTECTION OF SMALL SHIPPERS

The meeting adopted a resolution asking that special consideration be given by the Board to the protection of the small shipper, that is to say, the man with less than car lots, and it was directed that a questionnaire dealing with

## REPORT ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Members of the Wheat Pool are requested to notify Head Office promptly if they move from one District to another, or change their Post Office addresses. With over 31,000 members it is easy to understand that considerable work is entailed in keeping Head Office records in order as to the location of the members and their Post Office address. The changes of locations and addresses registered daily at Head Office number anywhere from ten to twenty and would exceed this number if all members co-operated with Head Office advising them of any move they may make affecting the location of their farming operations or their address.

such matters be published in the Wheat Pool number of "The U. F. A.", to be sent to every Pool member. The questionnaire will be found in another part of this paper.

R. D. Purdy, the manager of the Pool, gave information in regard to a new form of Growers' Receipt which is to be used this year. This receipt form will be found less cumbersome to members than the old one. It is described elsewhere in the current issue.

## NO SECONDER FOR MOTION PROPOSING NEW EXPENSES

A very pointed demonstration of the delegates' desire that the funds of the Pool shall not be distributed except for its primary purposes, was given when a resolution which would have placed certain monies at their own disposal, came up for consideration. The resolution proposed that delegates' expenses be paid out of the general funds of the Pool, so as to enable them to visit each Local annually. This was moved from the floor but found no seconder among the delegates.

A question regarding changes in the addresses of members elicited the information from Mr. German that about 700 envelopes containing ballots had been returned to the Head Office, marked "address unknown". The Head Office, said Mr. German, was co-operating with

the Locals in order to keep the addresses up to date, but a great deal depended upon the individual member, who should notify the Head Office at once, if he changed his address at any time. Delegates who spoke upon this matter stressed the importance of close co-operation by the Locals, and showed that in this matter these associations could render very valuable service to the membership.

The meeting approved of a resolution recommending that Locals be numbered



R. O. GERMAN  
Secretary Alberta Wheat Pool

consecutively, each Local also carrying its district letter and sub-district number.

Ben S. Plumer, Director for South Calgary, was unable to be present at the meeting, as he had been called to his old home at Chadwick, Illinois, where his father is seriously ill.

## POOL MEMBERSHIP NOW 31,454—INCREASE OVER 2,000

### EDMONTON HAS LARGEST NUMBER OF MEMBERS AND CLARESHOLM LARGEST ACREAGE PER MEMBER

On July 31st of the present year the total membership in the Alberta Wheat Pool was 31,454, as compared with 29,440 at the corresponding date last year, an increase during the period of twelve months of 2,014. These figures were revealed at the Annual Meeting of the Pool held in Calgary last week.

#### Largest Acreage in North Calgary

In the seven districts into which the wheat area of the Province is divided, North Calgary heads the list with the largest acreage signed up in the Pool, Camrose coming second, Edmonton third, and South Calgary a very close fourth. Red Deer comes fifth, Claresholm sixth and Lethbridge seventh.

#### Claresholm Largest Acreage Per Member

The average acreage per member varies widely between the various districts, and, as might be expected, is very considerably larger in the southern than in the northern districts. In acreage per member, Claresholm, which headed the list last year, still leads by a very large margin. In this district the average is 167.29 acres; in South Calgary 131.02 acres; in North Calgary it is 129.02 acres; in Lethbridge 125.67 acres; in Camrose 102.99 acres; in Red Deer 79.45 acres; and in Edmonton 49.65 acres.

#### Edmonton Has Largest Membership

In actual number of members of the Pool, the Edmonton district is far ahead of all others. Red Deer comes second; Camrose third; North Calgary fourth; South Calgary fifth; Lethbridge sixth and Claresholm seventh.



# Western Sales Manager of Selling Agency Discusses Elevator Questions

**Inter-Provincial Selling Agency Has Two Leased Elevators at Fort William, With Combined Capacity of 780,000 Bushels, and Has Acquired Another Terminal House With 1,500,000 Bushels Capacity**

**Question.** Would the appointment of Pool inspectors at terminal elevators to see that all Pool wheat shipped out of them is not mixed be a good thing?

**Answer.** I do not think this would be of much value. All terminal elevators in Canada are governed by the Canada Grain Act. There are two classes of terminal elevators. "Public" elevators are those that do not have the privilege of mixing, and all Government elevators and many owned by private capital are "public" in this sense. The Government inspectors who are in charge of all grain that goes in and out, and place the grade on that grain, are required to see that the grain is not mixed in the terminal elevators. The Pool inspectors would probably have no work to do, for it is generally understood that no mixing must take place, and until such time as we have definite information to the contrary, we could not very well ask to have such inspectors. I can vouch, from my own experience, that there is no mixing at terminal elevators at Calgary or Edmonton. The other class of elevators are private, and, in these, mixing is allowed. Some people operating elevators believe they can get a bigger financial return by operating public elevators, and others believe they can make more money by operating private elevators—that is to say, mixing houses.

**Question.** How can inspectors inspect all the cars and say that there is no mixing?

**Answer.** They are supposed to satisfy themselves that the wheat is coming out of the bin it is required to, and that it is unloaded into the bin holding that grade; also to satisfy themselves that the grain is not transferred from that bin to any other, and mixed in the elevator. That is part of the inspector's business. As far as the Pool is concerned, our main object is to see that we get One Northern wheat out of that elevator, and that wheat has to carry the One Northern certificate. Placing an inspector in the elevators would apparently not alter the situation, from the Pool's standpoint. The main thing is to see that the elevator is operated according to the act, and if there were complaints on this score we would investigate them.

**Question.** What about the return of dockage to the farmer?

**Answer.** The farmer does not get a return on his grain under 3 per cent. At the same time, he does not pay any cleaning charges for the cleaning of grain under this percentage. The elevator retains the screenings up to 3 per cent. If your car has 3 per cent. of oats in it, you can pay cleaning charges and have the screenings returned.

**Question.** Are the elevators permitted an overage legally?

**Answer.** No.

During the Annual Meeting of the Alberta Wheat Pool, George McIvor, Western Sales Manager of the Canadian Co-operative Wheat Producers, Ltd., the Inter-Provincial Selling Agency of the three Western Canadian Pools, dealt with a large number of questions concerning the handling of wheat at the terminals and kindred matters. The substance of a number of the more important questions and of Mr. McIvor's answers is given below.

**Question.** A car I shipped graded No. 2, one per cent. dockage. When I got my returns, half of one per cent. was allowed, and the other half went for shrinkage. What about that?

**Answer.** The Act allows one-half of one per cent. for shrinkage, as an invisible loss. A certain amount of dust, etc., is not recoverable.

**Question.** If my car went only one per cent. dockage, why was it cleaned?

**Answer.** At Vancouver the elevators are operated by the Harbor Commissioners, and have a special rate for handling that grain, and return you all cleanings and charge cleaning charges. I think they are the only elevators in Canada on that basis. Those at Edmonton and Calgary are not.

**Question.** Is the Pool operating terminal elevators? If so where are they and what is their capacity?

**Answer.** The Interprovincial Selling Agency (the Canadian Co-operative Wheat Producers, Ltd.) have leased two elevators at Fort William, with a

combined capacity in the two of 780,000 bushels. In addition they have acquired another terminal house with a capacity of 1,500,000 bushels of wheat.

**Question.** Can the Pool mix in any terminals it owns, and is it doing so?

**Answer.** Yes. The second class of terminals I mentioned can mix, and the Pool under the Act is in the same position as anybody else in that regard. But our own elevators could not possibly take care of all the Pool grain. We have had some Pool grain out of mixing houses, but most has come out of the public houses.

**Question.** How does the Pool get around the part of the Act that says they must buy and purchase the wheat they mix?

**Answer.** We are considered the owners of the grain, and we are therefore mixing our own grain.

**Question.** Do you think there has been any skinning of grades of wheat coming out of mixing houses?

**Answer.** There are many statements on both sides—some that grain has been hurt. Some inspectors claim that the quality is just as high. I have not heard of any complaints of wheat coming out of mixing houses in the last few years. The inspection department take the stand that they will err, if at all, by seeing that the grade is better than that of wheat coming out of public houses.

**Question.** Do the complaints come from the purchasers or the producers?

**Answer.** Mostly from the producers. I haven't heard of any from the purchasers.

**Question.** Is the Pool getting a premium on wheat shipped from Vancouver, because it is not mixed?

**Answer.** Much of our wheat is shipped through the U. S., and it has been claimed, rightly or wrongly, that it has been tampered with in transit, not this year, but several years ago. That probably means the buyers favor wheat from Vancouver, where no mixing at all has been done. The Pool have obtained premiums on Vancouver wheat on account of superior quality.

**Question.** Do you think that pressure is brought to bear on inspectors to favor the elevators, and that some of them are working for the elevators?

**Answer.** I certainly do not agree with that. I think our Government inspectors do their work impartially.

**Question.** Why do the elevators get such overages?

**Answer.** That concerns the weighing department. I would hesitate very much to say that our weighmasters are not conscientious. The Act might not always be adhered to, but as far as I know the weighmasters' work is done conscientiously.

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GEORGE McIVOR  
Western Sales Manager of the Inter-  
Provincial Selling Agency



# Answers to Pertinent Questions Concerning the Alberta Wheat Pool

A Page of Information From the Head Office for the Benefit of Members of the Alberta Co-operative Wheat Producers, Ltd., and Those Who May Become Members

**Question.** What must I do to become a member of the Wheat Pool?

**Answer.** Sign the regular Contract form which may be obtained from the Head Office on application.

**Question.** What will it cost me to join?

**Answer.** Every member pays a fee of \$3.00, \$1.00 of which pays for one share of stock in the Association. The other \$2.00 goes toward organization expenses.

**Question.** Must I pay this in cash?

**Answer.** Not necessarily. You may pay in cash or by signing the note form attached to the Contract.

**Question.** If I sign a note, how is the amount collected?

**Answer.** The Head Office deducts the amount from the proceeds accruing to you from the sale of your wheat.

**Question.** If I sign a Contract now, when does it expire?

**Answer.** All Contracts expire at the end of the 1927 crop year.

**Question.** What are my responsibilities as a member of the Pool?

**Answer.** You are responsible under the Agreement to market through the Pool all wheat which you have for sale in the Province of Alberta, except registered seed wheat.

**Question.** What is registered seed wheat?

**Answer.** Wheat which complies with the regulations of the Canada Seed Growers' Association. It must be grown from registered seed, be field inspected and properly sacked and sealed.

**Question.** If I have registered seed wheat, may I dispose of it in any way I see fit?

**Answer.** Yes.

**Question.** Am I privileged to sell wheat as seed or feed to another farmer?

**Answer.** You are privileged under your Contract to sell wheat as seed or feed to another Pool member after first receiving a Permit in writing from the Head Office.

**Question.** Am I permitted to sell wheat as seed or feed to a non-Pool farmer?

**Answer.** No.

**Question.** Suppose my neighbor, who is not a member, is urgently in need of some of my wheat for seed or feed, what should I do?

**Answer.** Get him to sign a Contract and then apply to the Head Office for a Permit to sell him this wheat.

**Question.** Under a Permit, may I sell as much wheat as I like to another Pool member, without reference to the Head Office as to price?

**Answer.** Yes. There are no restrictions as to the quantity you sell under a Permit nor the price charged for the wheat, so long as the sale is made to a Pool member.

At the Annual Meeting of the Alberta Co-operative Wheat Producers, Ltd., in Calgary last week, a resolution was adopted requesting the Head Office to prepare for publication in the Wheat Pool Number of "The U. F. A.", to be mailed to every member, a questionnaire giving information upon the proper procedure to be followed by members of the Pool under various circumstances, for the protection of their interests. The questions and answers published in this issue have been prepared in accordance with this request. Similar questionnaires dealing with problems which may arise from time to time will be published in later issues of this paper.

**Question.** Can the Pool member to whom I sell wheat as seed or feed, re-sell this wheat to an Elevator Company as non-Pool wheat?

**Answer.** No. It is bound by the terms of his Contract to be marketed through the Pool.

**Question.** As a Pool member am I allowed to market my wheat at any time I choose?

**Answer.** Yes. No restrictions have been placed on members as to the time and place at which they shall deliver their wheat, although the Board of Directors have power to name the time and place in case of emergency.

**Question.** I am a renter. The owner of the farm is not a Pool member. Must I market his share of the crop through the Pool?

**Answer.** You are responsible to market through the Pool only the wheat which accrues to you under your rental agreement.

**Question.** Can the owner of the farm prevent me from marketing my wheat through the Pool?

**Answer.** No. If the selling right of the wheat is in your hands.

**Question.** If, under my rental agreement, I must pay a cash rent, must I market through the Pool all the wheat which I have for sale on this place?

**Answer.** Yes. Except registered seed wheat and that which you sell as seed and feed under a Permit from Head Office.

**Question.** Suppose my creditor insists that I sell some wheat for cash outside the Pool, what should I do?

**Answer.** Write a letter to Head Office stating full particulars. Do not be stampeded into breaking your Contract.

**Question.** If I move from my present location to another part of the Province, is my Contract still binding on me?

**Answer.** Yes. It covers all the wheat you have for sale in the Province.

**Question.** If I discontinue farming in Alberta, will you cancel my Contract?

**Answer.** We cannot cancel your Contract until its natural expiration.

**Question.** I am a member of the Saskatchewan Pool, but am now farming in Alberta. Does my Contract with the Saskatchewan Pool permit me to market through the Alberta Pool?

**Answer.** No. You should sign an Alberta Pool Contract.

**Question.** If I should start farming in Saskatchewan, would my Alberta Pool Contract entitle me to participate in the Saskatchewan Pool?

**Answer.** No. You should join the Saskatchewan Pool.

**Question.** Are the Contracts the same?

**Answer.** They are almost identical.

**Question.** One of the members in my District has sold some wheat outside the Pool. Is he guilty of a Breach of Contract?

**Answer.** That depends on whether he had the selling right of this wheat.

**Question.** If he has broken his Contract, what is to be done about it?

**Answer.** The Head Office should be advised of the particulars and the case will be immediately investigated.

**Question.** Do you investigate all complaints of breach of Contract?

**Answer.** Yes. Very carefully and at once.

**Question.** Has the Association taken action against any member for breach of Contract?

**Answer.** Yes. Writs have been issued in four cases. One case was settled out of Court by the member paying 25c per bushel liquidated damages and costs, as provided in the Contract. The other three cases are pending.

**Question.** How many complaints of breach of Contract came to your attention last year?

**Answer.** Eighty-nine specific complaints were registered and investigated.

**Question.** Were all of these complaints justified?

**Answer.** No. So far 29 complaints have been found to be without foundation.

**Question.** What about the other 56?

**Answer.** These cases are still under observation.

**Question.** Do you keep any record of such cases?

**Answer.** Yes. Immediately a complaint is laid, the member who is complained against becomes a marked man on our records until such time as the Association is satisfied that he has not broken his Contract.

**Question.** Must I fill in and return the crop report forms sent to me by Head Office?

**Answer.** Yes. You are required to do so under Clause 20 of your Agreement.

**Question.** What say have I got in the government of the Pool?

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# Pool Member Can Protect His Own Interest by Studying These Regulations

Various Ways by Which Grain May Be Shipped Under Canada Grain Act—Regulations on Special Binning, Car Order Book, and Platform Cars

## Contract Defines the Conditions for Handling Pool Wheat

Under the Canada Grain Act all elevator companies are required to accept at country points any grain offered during reasonable and proper business hours, provided such elevators have suitable accommodation for this grain and provided such grain is in warehousing condition; in other words, an elevator company would not be required to take in grain which is in a heating condition or owing to extreme moisture would possibly heat during storage.

The elevator companies and the Pool have a contract outlining conditions under which Pool wheat is to be handled by the elevator companies. Under this contract the elevator companies are not allowed to discriminate between growers, whether Pool members or non-Pool members.

The elevator company is required to insure all grain while in storage, whether Pool grain or non-Pool grain, and is required to pay the Pool for loss in case of fire.

### FOUR METHODS OF HANDLING GRAIN

The grower has four methods in which he can handle his grain through the elevators, as follows:

First method is where he delivers his grain to the elevator company and is paid cash on the basis of the initial payment schedule as supplied by the Pool to the elevator companies; in this case the company issue a cash purchase ticket which is payable at the local bank or payer's agent at the point of delivery of grain.

Second method is where the grade is agreed upon between the elevator company and the grower and whereby the elevator company guarantee the grade to the grower and issue to the grower a graded storage ticket showing grade which is agreed upon between grower and elevator agent. These tickets are issued for each load of grain as delivered to the elevator, and when a carload is accumulated and shipment is made, upon delivery at terminals these tickets are surrendered and settlement is made on the basis of the grade agreed upon as shown on the tickets.

Third method is special binning of wheat, where a special bin is assigned to the grower and when sufficient grain is accumulated to make up a carload such grain is shipped upon instructions from the shipper, and when arrived at terminal or inspection point the grade is set upon this particular car by the Canadian Government inspector and upon unloading of the car at the terminal, adjustment is made according to this grade.

Fourth method is the subject to grade method, whereby the grain is handled in the same manner as outlined in the last two methods, only that a sample is retained from each load as the wheat is delivered and this sample forwarded to

### WRITE TO HEAD OFFICE IF YOU ARE IN DOUBT

Lack of knowledge of his legal rights, and of the general provisions of the Canada Grain Act, is often the cause of trouble, more or less serious, to wheat growers. For the benefit of members of the Alberta Wheat Pool, there is presented on this page a summary of some of the most important sections of the Act, and of the conditions under which Pool wheat may be handled. Any member of the Pool who may not be clear upon any of the matters here briefly explained, is requested to write Head Office, which will be glad to answer any questions in regard to which he may be in doubt. Copies of this issue are being mailed to every member of the Pool, and the information is presented here in response to the request of the Annual Meeting of the Pool.

the nearest inspection office operated by the Canadian Government, and there the inspector sets grade and dockage determined upon this grain, and when car is shipped and unloaded at terminals, adjustment is made to the grower on the basis of the inspector's grade and dockage as set upon sample sent in by the elevator agent.

Under the last three methods to Pool members, adjustment is made in accordance with initial payment schedule on the grade arrived at, when cars are unloaded, and in the meantime the grower can obtain from the elevator company an advance up to a reasonable amount of the value of the grain.

The above is an explanation of Section 148 of the new Grain Act.

### DISAGREEMENT AS TO GRADE OR DOCKAGE

We outline below several sections of the Act covering "subject to grade" grain and "special bin" grain. The sections referring to "subject to grade" grain are Sections 162-3-4, interpreted as follows:

In case there is a disagreement between the elevator operator and the grower as to the proper grade or dockage, a sample of grain should be drawn, in the presence of the farmer, from each load as delivered, and at least two quarts from sample so taken shall be forwarded in a suitable sack properly tied and sealed and marked "Subject to Inspector's grade and dockage." This sack should be forwarded to the Chief Inspector, express charges prepaid. The Inspector will adjudge the proper grade and dockage, and his decision shall be final and binding on both parties. Where the disagreement arises on the sale of grain by cash ticket, the farmer shall be paid for the grade and dockage offered him by the elevator agent, but the final

settlement shall be made on the grade and dockage given by the Chief Inspector.

### PROVISIONS REGARDING SPECIAL BIN WHEAT

Sections referring to special bin wheat are No. 158 and 159, and are interpreted as follows:

In the case of special binned wheat, only the weight, insurance and preservation of the identity of the grain is guaranteed by the elevator. The operator is required to draw a fair sample out of each load as delivered, and place it in a box which is required to be supplied by the elevator company, but it must be secured by a padlock provided by the farmer, the key of which must be retained by the farmer, but the box shall remain in the possession of the elevator. If, after the grain has been shipped out and inspected, the farmer is of the opinion that the grain so shipped is not the identical grain which he delivered, he must, within fifteen days, notify the elevator agent of the fact, and both parties shall prepare a proper sample from the sample box which shall be sent to the Chief Inspector, to be compared with the shipment. The Inspector will give his decision as to whether the grain in the sample box is identical with the grain shipped in the car, and his decision shall be final and binding on both parties.

### SECTIONS DEALING WITH CAR ORDER BOOK

Sections 179 and 191, Grain Act, covering the Car Order Book, are interpreted as follows:

At each station where there is a railway agent, an Order Book for cars is required to be kept by such agent, and any person having a carload of grain to be shipped may sign the Car Order Book, and on doing so he must be given a receipt from the agent for the order. Orders for cars are required to be filled in turn, and no one is permitted to have more than one unfilled order in the book. Where there is no station agent, the railway company may be required by the Board of Grain Commissioners to appoint a suitable person who shall take care of the Car Order Book, seal cars, provide shippers with the regular form of grain shipping bill, and hand such bills to the train conductor when they are properly filled out by the shipper. The period of time which shall be allowed for loading a car shall be forty-eight hours, except during the months of September, October and November, when it shall be twenty-four hours.

### PLATFORM CARS

In the case of a grower shipping grain from a point at which there are no elevators or at a point where there are elevators, and still desiring to use the platform, it will be necessary to follow these directions.

The car must be ordered in the above outlined manner, or in the case of a

### Big Forward Movement in Pool Wheat Marketing at Hand in United States

Reports coming into this office indicate that this has been a good year for the state Wheat Pools. All of them report pool prices much higher than the dumping price, and all report increased volume and lower operating cost. The time is at hand for a big forward movement in wheat marketing.—Walton Petet, General Secretary of the National Council of Farmers' Co-operative Marketing Associations of the United States, in discussion of the progress of the United States Pools.



grower living at a point where there is no agent, it will be necessary for you to make request from the nearest agent or from the conductor of the way-freight for a car, and this will be placed at your disposal. When you have completed loading of car it will then be necessary to bill same and we would request that you get in touch by phone or wire with the office at Calgary or Edmonton, whichever is closest to your point, and obtain shipping instructions. We may require this wheat at either Fort William or Vancouver. The office will notify you which point, at that time.

Then, when you have completed loading of the car and the car is billed to the point required, you will either have the conductor of the way-freight or the nearest station agent sign your bill of lading, after which you should forward it into the Pool Office for our further attention. When the car is inspected we will notify you of grade received. Inspection will be carefully checked by the Pool office at inspection point. When the car is finally unloaded, adjustment will be made in the usual manner.

We would particularly call your attention to the desirability of having your grain weighed, as it is loaded into your car, as a measure of protection in case of wrecked or leaky car.

#### ADDRESSES DISTRICT ASSN.

Speaking on U. F. A. organization, and three new Pools which are just being established in the Province, H. E. G. H. Scholefield, vice-president of the U.F.A., addressed the August meeting of the Bow Valley U. F. A. and U. F. W. A. District Association at Namaka on August 8th. There was a large crowd in attendance.

#### WILL BE READY WHEN THE GONG SOUNDS

A meeting of the executive board of the Peace River Constituency Assn. was held at Freedom, August 3rd, for the purpose of completing organization work for the coming Federal campaign. Besides the secretary, Jos. Messmer, there were present D. M. Kennedy, M.P., Mrs. E. H. Ethridge, H. Critchlow and A. R. Brown. Plans for financing the campaign were drawn up and directors were appointed to look after the details of each district. Peace River will be ready when the gong-sounds.

## G. G. Coote, M.P. Unanimous Choice of Macleod U.F.A. as Candidate in Next Federal Election

Annual Convention Expresses Sincere Thanks to Member for Diligent and Able Service—Enthusiasm and Tolerance Characterize Most Successful Convention in Town of Macleod

By Hugh F. Spencer, Secretary of Macleod Constituency Association.



G. G. COOTE, M.P.

The annual convention of the Macleod Federal Constituency Association, held in Macleod on Monday, August 3rd, was in every way a remarkable success. The appointed hour found the delegates and many visitors in their seats waiting for the proceedings to open.

#### Discussion Keen But Tolerant

From the beginning to the end of the convention there was not one discordant note. It was in no sense a dead convention in which there was no expression of feeling. On the contrary, there was spirited discussion on some of the resolutions, and on several occasions there

were bursts of enthusiasm and hearty applause. All discussions were of a tolerant and thoughtful nature.

G. G. Coote, M.P., gave a very interesting and comprehensive report of his stewardship during the last four years at Ottawa. Unlike many politicians, Mr. Coote did not try to take glory unto himself for any great accomplishment, but one could not help but note the tone of sincerity in each remark. He has shown to us that he has not been fooling his time away while at Ottawa, but has made a diligent study into the needs and financial problems of Canada. If we had a few more men at Ottawa with the same sense of responsibility for the public good, we would have a better country to live in.

Much of Mr. Coote's time at Ottawa was taken up on the Banking and Commerce Committee and was of real service to Western Canada, but some of the amendments to the Bank Act for which he labored were killed in the Senate.

The convention discussed many resolutions, dealing with Hail Insurance, more Western representation on the Board of Railway Commissioners, Income Tax, Daily Newspapers, and other matters. The convention decided by resolution that owing to the distance some delegates had to travel to convention, in the future our conventions would be held alternately in High River and Macleod.

#### Sincere Thanks for Members' Efforts

The delegates gave no doubt as to their sincerity when the following resolution was presented by the Glenwood Local:

Whereas, our Federal member, G. G. Coote, has diligently and persistently adhered to and fought for the principles of the organization and the interests of the citizens of Western Canada: Be it resolved, that this convention express its appreciation and sincere thanks to Mr. Coote for his splendid loyalty and devotion to our cause and the cause of the West in general."

The convention further honored Mr. Coote by giving him the unanimous nomination to contest the next Federal election. The convention was absolutely of one mind in this respect and there was not even a hint of any opposition in the farmers' ranks.

#### Officers Elected for Coming Year

The officers for the ensuing year are: Stephen Lunn, president; W. H. Shield, M.L.A., vice-president. The directors are the presidents of the various Provincial constituency associations.

This marked the conclusion of one of the most successful conventions in point of interest and unity of purpose in the history of the Macleod Federal Association.

#### STILL GROWING

Vimy Ridge U. F. W. A. Local is "flourishing nicely, and still growing", writes the secretary, Mrs. E. B. Morgensen.

## Teach Co-operation in Schools, Urges Hand Hills Convention

Constituency Convention Deals With Important Resolutions at Hanna, July 15th—Col. Robinson Elected President

The study of co-operation by normal school and public school classes was advocated by the annual convention of the Hand Hills Provincial Constituency Association, in Hanna on July 15th, which also passed a resolution asking that payment of additional indemnities of leaders of groups, other than members of the Cabinet, be discontinued.

The convention also reaffirmed the stand of the association that in the event of war wealth, industry and manpower should be conscripted; asked for amendment of the school ordinance giving ratepayers in two districts the privilege of sending their children to the most convenient school; requested the assistance of the Provincial Government in the extermination of jack rabbits; and

recommended that Provincial Savings certificates be made payable to bearer.

#### Thanks to P. Bilwiller

An address by G. A. Forster, M.L.A., was followed by general discussion of the spring session of the Legislature. A letter was read from P. Bilwiller, tendering his resignation as president of the association, on account of his appointment to the Equalization Board. A motion was passed expressing the thanks of the convention for Mr. Bilwiller's services.

Col. Robinson, of Munson, was elected president; Mr. Campbell, vice-president, and E. D. Blain, Hanna, Mr. Sharpe, Munson, and Mr. Proudfoot, Lonebutte, directors.



# Royal Bank Holds up Settlement of Northern Railway Problem---Ottawa Cabinet Delay Makes Provincial Action on Resources at Adjourned Session Impossible

Bank Refuses Consent to Lease of Line to Peace River, and Asks \$2,000,000, Later Reduced to \$1,700,000, as Selling Price of Its Interest in Line—Harsh Terms not Acceptable to Government—Assembly Passes Unanimous Resolution Urging Speedy Action on Resources

## Staff Correspondence

### Greenfield Outlines Efforts to Obtain Decision at Ottawa

Federal Cabinet Leave for Vacation Without Indicating Definite Intention to Accept Report of Cabinet Committee

#### MONDAY'S SITTING

EDMONTON, Aug. 3.—Outlining the history of the Alberta Government's persistent efforts to secure from the Dominion Government definite and specific action for the return of the Natural Resources to the Province, Premier Greenfield, at the adjourned session of the Legislature which opened today, presented a draft agreement which had finally been drawn up by a joint committee representing the Dominion and the Province, citing in detail the terms of the proposed settlement.

After the agreement had finally been drawn up, there was further delay by the Ottawa Cabinet, until after the close of the Parliamentary session. In spite of repeated urging by the Alberta Government, no final action had been taken by July 29th, and there was no immediate prospect of action, although the Alberta Legislature was about to re-assemble, with a view to enacting necessary legislation for the transfer of the resources. On July 29th it was intimated that the Dominion Cabinet would not meet for three weeks.

#### PREMIER SUBMITS RESOLUTION

In view of these circumstances, Premier Greenfield gave notice today of the following motion:

That this Legislature strongly urge the Government of Canada to use every effort to facilitate the closing of the negotiations for the transfer of the Natural Resources to the Province of Alberta on substantially the terms outlined in the draft agreement submitted to this House.

C. R. Mitchell, the Liberal leader, immediately rose to his feet in protest, declaring that the introduction of this resolution was "an extraordinary course", in that it would "deprive the members of the opportunity of discussing the agreement after perusal." Mr. Mitchell remarked further that the railway matter should first be dealt with, and asked that the discussion of the resources question be deferred.

#### AMPLE TIME FOR STUDY AND DISCUSSION

"My honorable friend is unduly alarmed," rejoined Premier Greenfield. "Our purpose in outlining the situation

Protracted delays by the Ottawa Government in reaching a decision upon details of the settlement with the Province for the restoration of the Resources, left the Legislature powerless to deal at the adjourned session with the necessary legislation. A resolution urging speedy action by the Ottawa Government was unanimously adopted.

Until last week, the Government had been unable to obtain from the Royal Bank a definite statement of its position, as the holder of the common stock in the railways serving the Peace River, regarding any plan for the settlement of the problem of transportation to the Peace River. The bank then intimated that the only plan which it was willing to accept was the purchase of its interest at a figure which members of all groups in the Assembly regarded as far too high.

and bringing down the agreement today was simply to give the members full opportunity to study the agreement, and ample time will be given for discussion if, later, the opposition is not ready to go on. I would call attention to the fact that this adjourned session was called for two special purposes: to deal with the Northern Railways question and with the Natural Resources."

R. C. Marshall, Liberal (Calgary), remarked, "Do I understand that the adjourned session was for the purpose of passing this pious resolution?"

With reference to the railway question, Premier Greenfield explained that owing

to the proposals of the Royal Bank having been but recently received, it had been very difficult to ascertain the exact situation. Only during the last twelve hours had the terms upon which the Royal Bank would agree been received, and these had still to be discussed.

#### BILLS DEAL WITH COMMON CARRIER RIGHTS

At the opening of the session R. C. Marshall, discussing the Calgary gas question, suggested that the Minister of Public Works had indicated his willingness to allow the application of the company which was seeking powers, the granting of which might prove prejudicial to the public interest. This insinuation was resented by Alex. Ross, who had in his hands two printed bills designed to deal with the situation. These bills were given a first reading a few minutes later.

The first of these, An Act relating to the Construction of Pipe Lines, provides that any company desiring to break up streets or other public places for the purpose of laying pipe lines must first make application to the Minister of Public Works, filing a map and other particulars of the company's pipe laying project; that the Minister might make any alterations in these plans, and at his absolute discretion might grant a permit to construct.

The bill further provides that the

#### Conditions of Proposed Agreement in Brief

The provisions of the proposed agreement between the Federal Government and the Alberta Government, referred to by Premier Greenfield in his speech at the opening of the adjourned session of the Legislature on August 3rd, are, in brief, as follows:

Crown lands, mines, minerals and royalties formerly administered by the Dominion to be turned over to the Province, which will receive the revenues derived from them.

The Federal subsidy of \$562,500 to be continued for three years in lieu of an accounting. This sum is considered to be sufficient to meet the outlay necessary to enable the Province to carry out the terms of the agreement.

The Dominion to transfer to the Province the school lands fund insofar as this has been raised from the disposition of school lands in the territory now included within the boundaries of Alberta.

Fishery rights in Provincial waters to be vested in the Province, the Dominion, however, retaining its interest in the waters under the Northwest Irrigation Act of 1898.

The Dominion to retain jurisdiction of Indian Reserves, and the Province to set aside from its lands any additional lands required for Indian Reserve purposes.

The Dominion to retain any Soldier Settlement lands upon which any advance has been made under the Soldiers' Settlement Act.

Cooking Lake Forest Reserve, including the mines, minerals and fishery rights, to be retained by the Dominion. In other Forest Reserves, which are retained by the Dominion, mines and mineral rights to be transferred to the Province, with reservations giving the Dominion power to prevent any destruction of scenic beauty.

The Dominion assigns to the Province its claims against the Canada Land & Irrigation Company, the Province to pay to the Dominion any sums collected in respect to advances by the Dominion.

All liens on unpatented lands now held by the Dominion in respect to seed grain, fodder or other relief, to be vested in the Dominion but collected by the Province.



company, after receiving a permit, should be "common carriers" of gas or oil, unless otherwise laid down in the permit. Until application had been made to the Public Utilities Commission, no person other than the Minister should have power to enforce any of the duties of the company as a common carrier. Other provisions of the bill give power to the Government to define the meaning to be attached to the term "common carrier". The Minister may delegate his powers to the Public Utilities Commission.

Another bill introduced by Mr. Ross gives the Minister of Public Works power to give or withhold his consent to the exercise of certain of the powers conferred upon a company under the Water, Gas, Electric and Telephone Companies Act.

### PREMIER OUTLINES NATURAL RESOURCES NEGOTIATIONS

In the course of his outline of the negotiations with the Federal Government, for the return of the natural resources, Premier Greenfield recalled that in December last the offer previously made to the Province by the Dominion Government and remaining open for acceptance by the Province, was definitely accepted by himself in behalf of the Provincial Government in a letter to the Prime Minister, Mr. Mackenzie King, dated December 16th, 1924. In this letter Premier Greenfield, in behalf of the Alberta Government, recognized that acceptance of the terms would be subject to the respective Governments reaching an agreement as to what were properly Provincial and what properly Federal services, but that no serious difficulty was anticipated. It was also recognized that the terms of the settlement would be subject to ratification by the Parliament of Canada and by the Provincial Legislature.

Premier Greenfield said, continuing: "The Prime Minister at that time intimated that he desired to look further into certain matters in connection with the negotiations and that he was asking Mr. O. M. Biggar, K.C., to make a special report to him. A copy of this report was later furnished us, and it was the basis of discussion when negotiations were resumed at Ottawa in May last.

### SURPRISED BY OTTAWA'S NEGLECT OF SUBJECT

"We had hoped that, in view of the public statements made in this Province by Premier Mackenzie King, during his recent tour of the West, that the Government at Ottawa were anxious and prepared to bring negotiations to a speedy close and get the whole question finally settled, and we were somewhat surprised, on arrival at Ottawa, to find that no further consideration had been given to the question since the previous discussions in Ottawa of some months before.

"Progress proved to be very slow, mainly owing to the difficulty in getting the time of the members of the Government. After some interviews with the Prime Minister, during which he undertook, if at all possible, to deal with the matter at that session of Parliament, and also with some of the Ministers individually, I was advised by the Prime Minister to discuss and work out the detail of an agreement with the Minister of the Interior and Mr. O. M. Biggar, K.C., who had been selected by the Prime Minister to advise the Do-

minion Government throughout the negotiations.

"The Minister of the Interior, on the other hand, was of the opinion that instead of discussing the detail with Mr. Biggar and himself, time would be saved by waiting for an opportunity to meet the whole Cabinet, so that we might get the viewpoint of the different Ministers.

"After some delay, this was finally arranged, the meeting with the entire Cabinet taking place, and, as a result of that discussion, the Prime Minister selected a committee of the Cabinet comprising: The Hon. Mr. King, Hon. Mr. Motherwell, Hon. Mr. Lapointe, Hon. Mr. Murphy, Hon. Mr. Macdonald, with the Hon. Chas. Stewart as chairman of the committee and Mr. O. M. Biggar, K.C., as counsel, to work out, in conjunction with Mr. Brownlee and myself, the terms of an agreement for the transfer and embody said terms in a draft bill, such bill to be the report of the committee to the Cabinet.

### DIFFICULT TO GET COMMITTEE TOGETHER

"The committee held their first meeting on May 19th. Other meetings followed at somewhat lengthy intervals, it being very difficult to get all the members of the committee present, which was essential, as the committee had been selected as representative of all parts of the Dominion, Messrs. Brownlee and Biggar attending all meetings, and between meetings drafting the clauses of the agreement covering the points agreed upon.

"After several meetings of the committee, the bill embodying the proposed agreement was completed and the report ready for the Cabinet.

"It was now nearing the close of the session, and it was intimated to me by the Prime Minister that the bill could not be dealt with by Parliament at the session recently closed.

"I therefore urged upon the Prime Minister the importance of the Cabinet discussing the report of the committee, if not before prorogation immediately, at least, after it, before the Ministers left Ottawa, in order that we might reach a definite agreement and get the document signed by representatives of the two Governments, which would leave us in a position to introduce the bill into the Alberta Legislature. This, the Prime Minister agreed to do, if possible.

### NEW LETTER INDICATES FURTHER "STALLING"

"The draft bill was discussed by the Cabinet immediately after prorogation and the following letter was handed to me by the Prime Minister on June 30th:"

PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE  
CANADA

Ottawa, June 30, 1925.

Honourable H. Greenfield,  
Premier,  
Province of Alberta,  
Edmonton, Alberta.

Dear Mr. Greenfield:

As I promised you, I took up in Council, immediately after prorogation, the matter of the transfer of the natural resources of Alberta, and in this connection the Cabinet gave careful consideration to the draft memorandum of agreement prepared as the result of recent conferences between yourself and members of our Government.

We were all of the opinion that the draft agreement reduces to a minimum the points requiring further consideration. We feel, however, the transaction being of the national importance and magnitude it is, that each member of the Government

should study the agreement carefully from the point of view of the possible relation to matters of Departmental concern of any of its clauses, and the relation as well of the bearing of the agreement as a whole upon matters of concern to the several Provinces.

The members of the Government have been asked to communicate their views and opinions to the Government Counsel, Mr. O. M. Biggar, who is being asked to advise the Administration with respect thereto. As soon as the matter, in this way, has been further considered, it should be possible to conclude the negotiations, subject alone to the agreement itself being approved by your Legislature and by our Parliament.

I shall endeavor to expedite whatever remains to be done, and while it is not possible to say how soon our expectations may be realized, I think I may safely say that in view of the substantial progress made there appears to be no reason why it should not be possible to have the agreement as concluded placed before our Parliament at the opening of its next session.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd) W. L. MACKENZIE KING.

"In order to ascertain whether the Prime Minister had anything more definite to say the following telegram was sent to him on July 27th:

Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

Reference to your letter June 30th re resources. Presume Ministers have now had opportunity of further considering agreement and making representations to Mr. Biggar. Can you now state definitely whether or not agreement is acceptable to your Government. Legislature meets August 3rd. Very desirable to report definitely as possible.

(Sgd.) H. GREENFIELD.

"To this, the following reply was received:

Ottawa, July 29, 1925.

Hon. H. Greenfield,  
Premier of Alberta, Edmonton.

Replying to your wire July 27th. We have found it possible to have only one meeting of Cabinet since conclusion West Indies Trade Agreement which kept Ministers closely occupied during week after prorogation. In order to permit of much needed vacation to all it is not likely Cabinet will reassemble inside another three weeks with Ministers scattered as they are quite impossible to get collective consideration of any matter of importance at this time.

(Sgd) W. L. MACKENZIE KING.

Mr. Greenfield then intimated his intention to move the resolution quoted at the beginning of the report of today's proceedings.

## Bank Closes Door to Railway Settlement at Present Session

Further Negotiations or Foreclosure Proceedings Only Alternatives Left to Government—Operating Proposals of C. N. R. and C. P. R.

### TUESDAY'S SITTING

EDMONTON, Aug. 4.—Definite refusal by the Royal Bank, as holder of the common stock of the Edmonton, Dunvegan and British Columbia Railway, to the further leasing of the railway for a period of five years or more, as announced in the Legislature today by Premier Greenfield, definitely closes the door to a settlement at the present adjourned session of the vexing problem of the Northern railway. Acting through R. B. Bennett, K.C., the bank, which by virtue of its holding the stock is the



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owner of the road, offered, as its "best proposal", to sell the Government the debenture and capital stock for the sum of \$2,000,000. This unsatisfactory proposal, described by C. R. Mitchell as an attempt by the bank to extract its "pound of flesh" from the Province, the Government could not recommend to the Legislature. The Government is prepared to enter into new negotiations with the bank, with a view to more satisfactory terms, and failing these, is left only the alternative of foreclosure proceedings through the courts.

### ROYAL BANK'S PROPOSAL ONLY JUST RECEIVED

Although the Government had made every effort to bring the negotiations to a close in such a way as to make a definite settlement possible at the present session, said Premier Greenfield, it had been impossible to obtain from the Royal Bank a clear statement of its demands until after 1 o'clock this morning, a few hours before the opening of today's sitting of the Assembly. The Government is ready to enter into new negotiations at once. In the meantime, three months' notice from July 21st must be given before the termination of the present C. P. R. lease, and the operation of the road under the terms of the lease will continue.

### OFFERS OF THE TWO RAILWAY SYSTEMS

During the course of his speech, Premier Greenfield disclosed the nature of the offers of the C. P. R. and C. N. R. systems, for the operation of the road. Through Sir Henry Thornton the Canadian National proposed a twelve years' lease at one dollar a year, together with half the net profits. It would agree to carry out any necessary capital improvements in the road, on condition that if the road is not taken over by the C.N.R. at the end of the period, the Government give compensation for capital so invested, together with interest. If these terms were accepted, prairie freight rates would be put in effect at once. The C. N. R. would then "probably feel disposed", if money could be found, to build a Western outlet for the Peace River country when export grain reaches ten million bushels in three successive years.

The C. P. R. offered to lease the road for five to ten years, and to put "prairie rates" into effect, and to pay a rental of \$60,000 a year to the Government, all interest charges and capital expenditures and cost of any additional mileage to be borne by the Government. The conditions in general are very similar to those in force under the old lease.

### BANK'S ATTITUDE SURPRISE TO ASSEMBLY

Announcement of the blocking of all progress in the settlement of the railway problem, by the attitude of the Royal Bank, came as a bombshell in the Assembly, which had entertained high hopes of being able to make a definite settlement at the present session.

"We had hoped", said Premier Greenfield, "that we should be able to announce some readjustment of the whole situation, having regard to the urgent need of better rates to the Peace River country. In view of the approaching harvest, however, it has not been thought advisable to delay the adjournment of the session."

"The Government, immediately the session prorogues, will renew the nego-

tiations with all parties interested, particularly the Royal Bank, and if it is not able to arrive at a settlement it can recommend to the Legislature, it will of necessity fall back on the remedies allowed under the Railway Act and the trust deeds, and take such proceedings as are necessary to determine the issue involved and obtain complete control of the road.

"As the Government can take no action with respect to either offer received from the two railway companies until some more satisfactory arrangement has been completed with the bank, or the Province has taken proceedings under the trust deeds, the Government reserves its decision as to the method of operating the road."

### TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS OVER \$18,000,000

In outlining the indebtedness which had been shouldered by the Government from time to time in behalf of the E. D. and B. C. and Central Canada Railways, Premier Greenfield showed that the grand total to date is no less than \$18,808,456.93.

L. A. Giroux, Grouard (Liberal), asked why the Government did not give notice of the termination of the lease to the C. P. R. prior to July 21st, when the lease expired. To this Mr. Brownlee replied that according to the terms of the lease, three months' notice would have been required, and it was not known whether the company would or would not take up its option to purchase the line. The Government also desired to solve the transportation problem of the north country without interruption of the service, and decided to explore every possible avenue by which a solution might be reached.

Mr. Brownlee pointed out that the proposals of the Royal Bank showed that they were unwilling to accept anything except realization upon their security. Without their consent the line could not be leased. If it were found necessary to resort to litigation, a long and tedious time might be anticipated before final settlement. If notice of foreclosure proceedings were served it would be necessary to have a receiver and manager at once to carry on and operate the road.

Mr. Giroux suggested that \$2,000,000 should be paid into court, and proceedings instituted at once, and that in the meantime plans to carry on the operation of the road should be formulated.

Mr. Brownlee: "If there is anything that we can do for the Northern settlers, while matters are being decided, the Government will undoubtedly do it." It was pointed out that as the Royal Bank's insistence on what Mr. Mitchell described as its "pound of flesh", only became known a few hours before the opening of the sitting, the Government had barely time to consider the situation in a preliminary way.

### HISTORY OF THE NEGOTIATIONS

The whole history of the negotiations which had been carried on by the Government was given in outline by Premier Greenfield in the course of his speech. "The E. D. and B. C. Railway," he said "was incorporated by statute of the Dominion Parliament of 1907, and is therefore a Dominion Railway, subject to the provisions of the Dominion Railway Act.

"Under statutes of the Province of Alberta, passed in 1911 and 1912 and



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1920 .....	122,386.94
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1922 .....	378,263.84
1923 .....	384,951.88
1924 .....	371,710.89
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Accrued Interest on Advances:—	
To December 31st, 1924.	562,685.00
Accrued Interest on Defaulted Interest:—	
To December 31st, 1924.	270,015.97
Surveys .....	21.11
Total Investment as at December 31st, 1924.	<b>\$14,981,231.03</b>

### RE CENTRAL CANADA RAILWAY

Advances:—	
1915 .....	\$1,865,232.96
1916 .....	134,767.04
1921 .....	321,811.16
1922 .....	418,314.39
1923 .....	78,967.84
1924 .....	235,211.58
	<b>\$3,054,304.97</b>
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Accrued Interest on Advances:—	
To December 31st, 1924.	777,679.71
Total Investment December 31st, 1924 .....	<b>\$ 3,827,225.90</b>
Total E. D. & B. C. ....	\$14,981,231.03
Total Central Canada ....	3,827,225.90
Grand Total .....	<b>\$18,808,456.93</b>

subsequent years, the Alberta Government was authorized to guarantee certain securities of the railway company to the extent of \$20,000 per mile, and under this authority bonds of the company totalling \$9,420,000 were at different times guaranteed by the Government.

"These bonds were secured by three separate trust mortgages to the National Trust Company as trustees, all duly filed at Ottawa, according to the provisions of the Dominion Railway Act. HOLD BONDS AS SUCCESSORS TO UNION BANK

"Subsequent additional bonds were issued by the company, totalling \$2,400,000 secured by a trust deed mortgage to the Interior Trust Company, and these bonds are now held by the Royal Bank of Canada as successor to the Union Bank of Canada, and this bank also holds by assignment the common stock of the company.

"On July 21st, 1920, an agreement was arranged by the Provincial Government of the day, by which the Province agreed to advance a further sum of \$2,500,000 to eliminate the deferred maintenance on the lines, and to bring the lines up to a reasonable standard of efficiency,

and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company was appointed manager of the lines for a period of five years.

"This agreement was signed by the Province, and also by the McArthur interests, as well as the Union Bank of Canada as holders of the common stock of the company.

"At the same time the McArthur interests and the Union Bank signed an option agreement giving the Canadian Pacific Railway Company an option on the common stock of the company for the said period of five years. If this option were taken up, the Canadian Pacific Railway Company would have become the owners of the road, subject only to the securities guaranteed by the Government.

"It is important to note:—

"(1) That this agreement was only made with the consent of the McArthur interests and the Union Bank.

"(2) That the Government agreed that it would not attempt to enforce its remedies under the trust deeds arising out of default in payment of interest as long as the agreement continued.

"(3) That the agreement automatically continued after the five years' period until terminated by three months' notice.

### INSISTED GOVERNMENT TAKE OVER SECURITIES

"From time to time, after taking office, this Government has discussed this agreement with the officials of the Union Bank, who insisted that the Government should take over their securities, but the Government could not consider any terms proposed by them.

"The liability of the Province, direct and indirect, with respect to the said lines as at 31st December, 1924, is as follows: (Premier Greenfield here quoted the figures which are given on this page.

"It will be seen that the Province has a very large financial interest in the road, which is annually becoming more serious, by reason of having to meet defaulted interest, and that the Government must very seriously consider any proposal which means adding largely to the liability already incurred.

"The legal position of the Province still is, however:

"(1) That the Province does not own the lines, but the interests holding the common stock own them.

"(2) That the Government is only guarantor of debentures with such remedies as are given by trust deeds, and cannot enforce such remedies until the management agreement is terminated, and this agreement could not have been terminated prior to the 21st July, 1925.

"(3) That therefore, this Government cannot sell or lease the road until it either: (a) obtains the approval of the holders of the common stock; or (b) takes such action by way of foreclosure or sale as is allowed it by the trust deed mortgage and the provisions of the Railway Act of Canada.

### LEGAL SITUATION FURTHER COMPLICATED

"The legal situation is further complicated by the fact that the Union Bank maintained and the Royal Bank still maintains that the securities guaranteed by the Province are not first charges on the lines, but that the securities of the bank rank *pari passu* or equal. (Mr. Brownlee intimated later in the discussion that the Government did not agree

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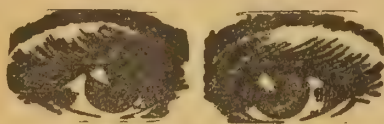
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that these securities ranked equally with the Government's claim.—Editor.)

"On January 9th last," said Mr. Greenfield, "the House will recall, a conference was held at Ottawa with representatives of the Dominion Government, the Government of Alberta, the Government of British Columbia, the Canadian Pacific Railway Company and the Canadian National Railways, to discuss the transportation problem of the Peace River country.

"At the suggestion of President Beatty it was agreed by the conference:

"First, that the presidents of the two transcontinental railway systems should confer together in an endeavor to work out a plan by which the two companies could co-operate in the operation of the E. D. & B. C. and Central Canada Railways, and in finding some solution for the transportation difficulties of the Peace River country;

"Second, that the engineering staffs of the two companies should jointly prepare and submit to the Minister of Railways for Canada an estimate of the capital expenditure involved in the construction of a Pacific coast outlet by the several suggested routes.

## PROPOSAL FAILED OWING TO DISAGREEMENT

"The presidents of the Canadian National and Canadian Pacific were unable to get together on terms that would permit of a joint agreement between the two companies for the taking over or operation of the lines, so that proposal fell to the ground.

"The joint report of the engineering staffs of the two companies was duly submitted to the Minister of Railways for Canada, the Hon. George P. Graham. The estimated cost of construction, over either of the proposed routes, involved such a heavy capital expenditure that, in the opinion of the Dominion Government, and in the opinion of the railway companies, construction of an outlet to the coast could not be justified under present conditions.

## REMOVED EARLY POSSIBILITY OF WESTERN OUTLET

"This report and the decision of the Dominion Government and of both railway companies in regard to it, definitely removed any possibility of construction of a western outlet for the present. The position of the Edmonton, Dunvegan and British Columbia and the Central Canada Railways therefore remained unchanged.

"This was the position when I left Alberta for the East at the end of April last. This Government has always held that the Government of Canada has a very definite obligation to the people of the Peace River country in the solution of their transportation problem, for the following reasons:

"First. The Dominion Government was in a large measure responsible for the settlement of the district.

"Second. The railway was constructed by the J. D. McArthur Company with a more or less definite understanding that the road would receive assistance from the Dominion Government to the amount of the subsidy usually granted to colonization railways, which principle, it can be contended, was admitted by the Government of Canada in the payment of a subsidy of \$6,400 per mile for 52.81 miles of the E. D. & B. C. Railway from Roycroft Junction to Grande Prairie, and in the financial assistance given by

them to the construction of the Peace River bridge.

"We have not failed to press this claim at all times, and the first step taken by myself, as representative of this Government in the present negotiations, was to press for direct financial assistance from the Government of Canada to the Edmonton, Dunvegan and the Central Canada Railways, by the payment of the regular subsidy. In this I was not successful. I then pressed for financial assistance by the Dominion Government to the railways to the amount necessary to place the lines on the prairie scale of rates with a one-line haul. This would have relieved the freight rate situation and placed the Provincial Government in a position to secure from the lessees in any new lease a rental which could be applied to relieve the fixed charges on the railway.

## PLANS FOR PRAIRIE FREIGHT RATE SCALE

"We further suggested to the Dominion Government that in the event of there being any difficulty in rendering financial assistance to be applied in easing off the freight rate situation that the grant be made to the Alberta Government to be applied on the fixed charges of the road and we would see that the prairie scale was put into effect.

"These proposals were discussed on several occasions with the Prime Minister, with the Finance Minister and with the Minister of Railways, and were finally submitted to the Cabinet on June 5th. Mr. Graham notified me by letter on June 6th, that the Government could not entertain the proposals.

"I then saw the Prime Minister again and pressed for a reconsideration and was referred by him to the Minister. I had a further conference with the Hon. Mr. Graham accompanied by the Alberta members of Parliament, on June 12th. We were again informed that our request could not be granted. The Hon. Mr. Graham intimated to the delegation that, while the Government could not give the assistance asked for, he would be prepared to recommend to the Government any arrangement I was able to make with Sir Henry Thornton (which meant that the Dominion Government were prepared to give assistance through the National Railways).

"The next move then was to ascertain the terms and conditions under which the Canadian National and the Canadian Pacific Railways would be prepared to lease the railways.

## PROPOSAL OF THE CANADIAN PACIFIC

Following some discussions with the presidents of the two companies, I received the following proposals from them:

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY  
COMPANY

Office of the Chairman and President  
Montreal, June 22nd, 1925.

Dear Mr. Greenfield:

Referring to our previous conversations respecting the Edmonton, Dunvegan and Canada Central Railways.

I am advised that the Royal Bank of Canada, successors to the Union Bank, in possession of the Debenture and Common Stock of the Dunvegan Railway, are not in a position to give any undertakings in respect of their attitude prior to the discussions to take place between the Hon. R. B. Bennett and the Hon. Mr. Brownlee, but appreciate the fact that nothing would be



gained by their interfering with the physical operation of these Railways during the currency of the operating agreement, if one is made, I am making you a proposal subject to the approval of our Board.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company is prepared to operate the railways of the Edmonton, Dunvegan and British Columbia and Canada Central for a further period of five or ten years. We would prefer a period of ten years but I understand that you consider five years sufficiently long. In these circumstances, I suggest to you that we agree on a period of seven years, providing of course, your Government is satisfied with the other terms suggested.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company will undertake to put into effect the passenger and freight rates now in existence or as may be subsequently ordered by the Railway Commission throughout the Prairie Provinces to points north of Edmonton on the Dunvegan and Canada Central Railways, the latter railways being treated as part of the Canadian Pacific System in order to secure the benefit of a one line rate structure.

This Company will also cause to be established the same rates on express and telegraphs as now exist in Alberta and Saskatchewan, and will, in addition, as rental pay the sum of \$50,000.000 per annum to the Government of Alberta.

The agreement to be executed will be along the general lines of the agreement now in effect and will provide, amongst other things, that all interest charges as well as capital expenditures on the railways and the cost of any additional mileage constructed during the term of the agreement shall be assumed by the Alberta Government and that in the event of a competing line being constructed by either the Government of Canada or the Canadian National system or by any other company through any of the passes to a point of connection with the Canadian National main lines elsewhere, either party shall have the right to terminate the agreement on giving six months' notice or to require a conference with a view to revision of the terms of the then existing agreement. The reasons for these provisions are too obvious to require any elucidation from me.

You will, of course, understand that the formal documents containing the terms of this arrangement, if approved by your Government, will require the approval of the Royal Bank and McArthur and Company, or whoever are the owners of the outstanding securities and Common Stock of the Dunvegan Company other than those securities guaranteed by the Government of Alberta.

If your Government concurs in this arrangement, we will be prepared to make the new agreement and rates effective on or before October First next.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd) E. W. BEATTY.

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The Hon. H. Greenfield,  
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CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS  
Office of the Chairman and President

Sir Henry Worth Thornton, K.B.E.,  
Chairman of the Board of Directors  
and President

Montreal, Que., June 30th, 1925  
—Ottawa—

Dear Mr. Greenfield:—

Subject to the formal approval of the Government I make you the following proposition:

(1) The Alberta Government will lease, for the sum of one dollar per year, to the Canadian National Railways as from July 1925, the Edmonton, Dunvegan and British Columbia Railway, together with the Central Canada Railway, for a period of twenty-five years;

(Sir Henry afterwards intimated that he was prepared to reduce to 12 years).

(2) The Alberta Government will undertake to pay all existing fixed charges;

(3) The Canadian National Railways will make, at their own expense, any future capital betterments necessary to the property, but upon expiration of the lease if the property should be taken over by any other company than the Canadian National Railways, the Alberta Government will compensate the Canadian National Railways for the capital so invested and any interest which may have been paid thereon, having regard for any previous payments which may have been made on this account, for example as mentioned in (4) below;

(4) The Canadian National Railways, besides paying the rental of one dollar per year for the Edmonton, Dunvegan & British Columbia Railway and the Central Canada Railway, will pay one-half of the operating profits, if any, after the new fixed charges they (the Canadian National Railways) may have created have been deducted;

(5) The Canadian National Railways will at once put into effect freight rates in line with what are called "main line rates."

The question of a western outlet and the conditions under which this outlet will be built is to be left to the future, but I might say that the Canadian National Railways would probably feel disposed to undertake such construction, providing the necessary funds can be found, when the export grain from the Peace River district reaches ten million bushels per annum on an average of three successive years, and the question of land grants can be considered at that time.

Should this offer not be acceptable, the Canadian National Railways will, of course, feel free to take such steps as they may deem necessary to protect their position in the Peace River district.

In addition to the above proposition, I wish to make it clear that the Canadian National Railways are prepared at any time to enter into a joint arrangement with the Canadian Pacific Railway for a service to the Peace River district.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) H. W. THORNTON,  
President.

The Hon. H. Greenfield,  
Premier of Alberta,  
Edmonton, Alberta.  
At Ottawa.

"I may here mention that on May 1st, Sir Henry Thornton submitted to me a memorandum embodying certain proposals for a lease of the line, which, after discussion, were modified and the

final proposals of the Canadian National are embodied in Sir Henry Thornton's letter of June 30th."

## NO INTIMATION OF AMALGAMATION

"While the negotiations outlined were under way, we had been in touch with the officials of the Union Bank who held the common and debenture stock of the railways, but received no intimation from them of the impending amalgamation of the Union and Royal Banks.

## ROYAL BANK'S PROPOSAL TO GOVERNMENT

"After the announcement was made of the amalgamation of the Union with the Royal Bank, the Government immediately opened negotiations with that bank and the position of the bank is indicated in the following correspondence:

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3rd August, 1925.

Honorable Herbert Greenfield, M.L.A.,  
Premier,  
Edmonton, Alta.

Dear Sir:

Re Edmonton, Dunvegan and British Columbia Railway Company  
Central Canada Railway Company

With further reference to my letter of the 4th July last addressed to the Hon. the Attorney General, I have to point out that at a meeting of the shareholders of The Royal Bank of Canada and Union Bank of Canada the sale of the assets of the latter to the former was confirmed.

The Royal Bank of Canada will transfer and deliver to your Government, or its nominees, debenture stock of the Edmonton, Dunvegan and British Columbia Railway Company having a par value of \$2,400,000.00, bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum from the 26th day of March 1919, together with all the issued shares in the capital stock of the said Edmonton, Dunvegan and British Columbia Railway Company and Central Canada Railway Company for \$2,000,000.00.

The said purchase price of \$2,000,000.00 may be satisfied by the delivery to the Bank of Treasury Bills of the Province having a par value of \$2,000,000.00 payable on or before seven years from the date of completion of the transaction, with interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum payable half yearly.

For reasons which I have fully explained to the Attorney General, this is the best proposal that the Bank is in a position to make, and involves an actual loss of nearly \$300,000.00 exclusive of interest on the said debenture stock since the date of its issue.

These proposals are open for acceptance by your Government within a reasonable time, and if you require any further information I will be glad to meet you at Edmonton at any time you may suggest.

Believe me, I am,

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd) R. B. BENNETT

On August 4th, Mr. Brownlee wired Mr. Bennett as follows:

"Referring your letter yesterday addressed to Premier my understanding is that your clients the Royal Bank will not at present consent to further lease of railway for period of five years or more but desire settlement their claim as in your letter. Kindly wire confirmation."

And received the following reply:

"Your understanding situation as indicated telegram today correct. R. B. BENNETT."



## Unanimously Urge Speedy Transfer of Natural Resources

Minor Change in Resolution at Request of Mitchell—Motion to Dispose of Government House Rescinded—Railways Make Proposal for Temporary Operation of Railway

### WEDNESDAY'S SITTING

EDMONTON, Aug. 5.—After speaking at length in opposition to the Government's motion urging the Dominion Government to facilitate the closing of the negotiations for the transfer of the natural resources to the Province substantially on the terms of the draft agreement, C. R. Mitchell, Liberal leader, today finally offered to support the resolution if a slight change in wording were made. This was immediately agreed to by the Government, who had already announced that they would welcome any suggestions from the Assembly, and desired to have unanimous support for the resolution. The Liberals thus swung finally into line and the resolution was made unanimous. The certain unpopularity which opposition to the turning over of the resources would have brought to the Liberal party was commented upon by some of the members.

An offer from D. C. Coleman of the C. P. R. agreeing to bring prairie freight rates into effect on the E. D. and B. C. line on September 1st if the C. P. R. continues to operate the line, was tabled at the opening of the sitting, by Premier Greenfield. An offer from Sir Henry Thornton of the Canadian National Railways, providing for a temporary arrangement to operate the line, at prairie freight rates, was also tabled by the Premier. Both of these offers, it was explained, were of a temporary nature to meet the prevailing conditions.

### SLIGHT CHANGE IN WORDING AGREED TO

Premier Greenfield's original motion regarding the natural resources read as follows:

That this Legislature strongly urge the Government of Canada to use every effort to facilitate the closing of negotiations for the transfer of the natural resources to the Province of Alberta on substantially the terms outlined in the draft agreement submitted to this House.

The amendment, moved by Mr. Mitchell, and accepted by the Government, struck out the words after "Province of Alberta", and substituted the following: "based on the general principles embodied in the draft agreement submitted, and, as to the details thereof, upon terms and conditions that can be accepted as fair and equitable."

At the opening of the debate C. R. Mitchell criticized the Government on account of the scanty program of legislation for the special session. He could not see his way to support the resolution, he said, because it was based only upon a draft rather than a fully approved agreement. He reviewed the course of the negotiations with the Federal Government since 1920, and accused the Alberta Government of "malingering."

On December 2nd last, said the Liberal leader, Premier Greenfield gave the impression that the main question was

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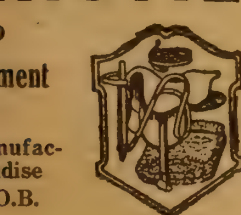
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## UNANIMOUSLY URGE SPEEDY TRANSFER OF RESOURCES

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settled, and that only a few details remained that could be arranged in short order. The Premier should have given the public some information as to the details of the draft agreement, with plans and maps, etc.

The Liberal leader asked why the Biggar report was not laid on the table of the Assembly last session, when it would appear, he said, that it was in the hands of the Government three weeks earlier. Both the Premier and Mr. Brownlee, however, stated that their recollection was that the agreement did not arrive before the adjournment.

A number of questions with respect to the area of certain reserves in the Province brought the reply from Mr. Brownlee that all this information could be found in the original statutes.

"Does the Attorney General think that we can dig up statutes and make maps all in one day?" retorted Mr. Mitchell, who proceeded to rebuke the member for Rocky Mountain (P. M. Christophers), who was not at the moment, according to the Liberal leader, paying as much attention to the debate as he should. Mr. Christophers, who had appeared to be sleeping, immediately sprang to his feet. "I am giving all the attention I can to the leader of the opposition and the bull he is peddling," said he.

Mr. Mitchell went on to protest that the Premier had not said a word in the Assembly in favor of the resolution.

Expressing astonishment that such a remark should have been made, when the Premier himself had moved the resolution, George Hoadley, Minister of Agriculture, said that Mr. Greenfield had spoken briefly in order to give more time for the railway question to be discussed.

Mr. Mitchell had asked for a record of the resources that remained to the Province. It was a mercy for certain persons that the record of how little of the great heritage of this Province remained was not produced in the debate.

## REGRETS BREAK IN UNANIMITY OF ASSEMBLY

Mr. Hoadley regretted that there was a break in the unanimity of the demand of the Assembly on the resources question. If the resources were not transferred, the people of the Province would place responsibility on the shoulders of the opposition. Referring to an insinuation by Mr. Mitchell that "The Western News" was a Government organ, and that public funds should not be used to promote Government propaganda, Mr. Hoadley said that not a cent of public money was so used, and challenged investigation.

Discussing Section 10 of the agreement, concerning lands of the Soldier Settlement Board, M. C. McKeen, Lac Ste. Anne (U. F. A.), hoped that some way might be found to collect taxes on lands which had reverted to the crown, and asked whether the transfer included the Hoppe leases.

Mr. Brownlee: "We shall be in the position in which the Dominion now stands."

Mrs. McClung advised the study of the agreement clause by clause, with the aid of expert advice.

## BROWNLEE ON IMPORTANCE OF UNITED ACTION

"In view of the pertinent and



comprehensive criticism of the speech of the leader of the opposition by the independent member for Rocky Mountain, I think I can leave the speech of the leader without further comment," said J. E. Brownlee in discussing the agreement.

After the offer of 1923, the Government did not feel justified in accepting the proposed settlement without exploring every avenue for the betterment of its terms. Mr. Mitchell refused to support the resolution before the Assembly, yet he had previously supported a resolution of a much less comprehensive character, merely asking that the resources be turned over on "terms to be agreed upon." Premier King had very definitely stated that the agreement reduced to a minimum the points to be agreed upon. Unity of action was urgently necessary now that a definite proposal was before the Assembly.

Mr. Brownlee said in answer to Mr. Christophers that the Government could not change the terms of leases as to length and price, but that it could regulate them, after they came under its jurisdiction, independently of the Dominion. In regard to the turning over of school lands, the Dominion Government had gone further than the Alberta Government anticipated.

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## Slight Reduction in Demand re Railways Made by the Bank

Not Yet Acceptable, but Negotiations Continue—Greenfield and Brownlee Outline Situation—Assembly Prorogues

### THURSDAY'S SITTING

EDMONTON, Aug. 6.—Premier Greenfield announced in the Assembly today that the Royal Bank had offered to amend their original proposal to the Government and would accept \$1,700,000. The Government could not recommend acceptance of this proposal, but it was their intention to press negotiations to a conclusion as rapidly as possible. The situation, declared the Premier, was rapidly improving.

C. R. Mitchell attacked the Government on the ground that it had failed to bring a definite settlement before the Assembly, and charged the Government with "lacking a policy."

He was answered by J. E. Brownlee, Attorney General, who declared that until the Government had dealt with the bank, it was useless, as Mr. Mitchell knew, to formulate any policy on the operation of the road. "If the Assembly will give the Government a free hand now," said the Attorney General, "we will go at once to the bank as soon as the Legislature rises, and if we cannot make a better arrangement, we will take action under the Trust Deed Mortgage." Mr. Brownlee hoped the people of the North would work shoulder to shoulder with the Government in effecting a settlement for the good of all.

Following the debate on the Northern Railways, and the transaction of certain other business before the Assembly, the Legislature of 1925 was prorogued.

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### PREMIER DEFINES BANK SITUATION

Premier Greenfield's statement on the railway situation was as follows:

"On Tuesday last, I outlined to the House fully and frankly, the negotiations to date with the Dominion Government and the two railway companies. I also laid before the House the details of the proposals of the Royal Bank of Canada, that the Government purchase the securities held by the bank for the sum of \$2,000,000. At that time I tabled the documents involved in these negotiations, for the information of the House.

"Today, the bank, quite evidently appreciating the difficult situation existing and in the hope of assisting in its solution have intimated to the Government that they would be prepared to amend their initial proposal and would be willing to accept \$1,700,000. The Government feels that they cannot recommend to the House that settlement should be made with the bank even on the basis of the last offer.

"The question of the disposal of these railways is a difficult one and of tremendous importance to the people living in the Peace River country and of tremendous importance to the Province as a whole.

"This House has just finished dealing with another important question for the future of the Province in the natural resources question, and in dealing with it showed a united front. Here is another question of equal importance to the people of the north country and to the whole Province. As evidence of the importance of this question, from a transportation standpoint, we have only to observe that the officials of both transcontinental companies are watching carefully every development.

### SHOULD SINK POLITICAL DIFFERENCES

"It is a question which transcends all political considerations, and if ever there was a time when the members of this House should sink their differences and show by united action their desire to alleviate the transportation problem of the north country, it is now.

"The Government, as I have stated before, and I, as representative of the Peace River district, in this Legislature, have a keen appreciation of the position of the Peace River people in this regard. There is the immediate problem of getting rates lowered now for this crop movement. We intend to exert every effort to accomplish that. It should not be impossible of accomplishment.

"Then there is the permanent problem of an outlet to the coast. This will come with development of the country. The solution of the immediate problem of lower rates, by encouraging and fostering development, will lead to the solution of the permanent one perhaps sooner than we can now foresee.

### SHOULD NOT TIE GOVERNMENT'S HANDS

"It is the opinion of the Government, and I cannot express it too clearly, that any attempt by this Assembly, to indicate to the Government what settlement we should make with the Royal Bank of Canada or what disposition we should make of the railways, will only have the effect of making the problem more difficult of solution. The problem is complicated. The Government intend to push the negotiations to a conclusion as rapidly as it can be done. The situation is improving. It has improved consider-



ably in the last 24 hours, and the Government feels most strongly that their hands should not, at this time, be tied in any way whatever by the action of the House in dealing with the matter."

#### SHOULD STAY TILL MATTER ADVANCED, SAYS MITCHELL

"We understood when we adjourned in April, that opportunity would be given for thorough consideration of the matters of the resources and the railways," declared C. R. Mitchell, Liberal leader, in opening his attack upon the Government. "Yet now the railways are to be discussed on a motion to adjourn. In my opinion we should stay here until a settlement has been advanced at least one stage."

The Government, Mr. Mitchell said, should have known what was going to happen in its dealings with the Royal Bank, and dealt with the Royal Bank accordingly. Under a motion to adjourn the Assembly, the opposition was given no chance to introduce an amendment, or to place its views on the Journals of the Assembly.

"We do not know," said Mr. Mitchell, "where the Minister of Railways stands. The Premier chose to put his business judgment against the judgment of Sir Henry Thornton and Mr. Beatty, with only occasional assistance from Mr. Brownlee. Why does not the Premier avail himself of the advice of the Minister of Railways? We are entitled to a statement from the Premier or his Minister of Railways as to which of the alternative proposals of the railways is most acceptable."

#### NOT EVEN READ OFFERS "CONSECUTIVELY"

"There is not much choice between the two agreements, although I have not studied them carefully, or even read them consecutively. There is no way of knowing which is the better offer, because there is no team play in the Government."

Referring to the Callahan report of 1923, on the E. D. and B. C. railway under C. P. operation, Mr. Mitchell said he could not believe that things were as bad as they were there stated to be. If the C. P. R. should get the road, under the terms of their offer, no provision would be made for branch lines. Government operation, on the other hand, would make possible some extension.

As the Liberal leader proceeded to develop his criticism on the Government, a brief passage-at-arms took place with George Hoadley, Minister of Agriculture, whom Mr. Mitchell had designated "Acting Premier", remarking that the Minister had often acted as such, and that the more frequently he did so, the farther he would be from the Premiership.

"You have given a demonstration of the truth of that," rejoined Mr. Hoadley, amid laughter.

Mr. Mitchell advised that foreclosure proceedings should be taken as soon as the Royal Bank negotiations had proceeded a little farther and the bank had refused a reasonable reduction in the amount it asked for. He would be in favor of paying \$2,000,000 to the bank provided the courts should establish the validity of its claims.

#### SHOULD HAVE ALTERNATIVE, BUT HAS NONE

"I realize that when a party criticizes a Government, it should define an alternative policy," the Liberal leader went

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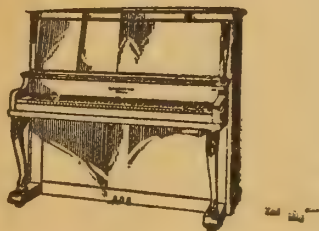
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on, "but the opposition is not in power and has no responsibility." He repeated that he could not say which offer should be accepted.

Robert Pearson, Calgary (Independent), thought the Government should not be influenced in its decision by any of the propaganda which was being circulated. It should treat both of the offers as cold business propositions, and not sentimentally. He had always felt that it was bad business for a Government to operate railroads. During the litigation, he would rather the Government in

this instance should subsidize the road than attempt to operate it. Captain Pearson expressed regret that Mr. Mitchell should have suggested that members were not willing to take all the time necessary to deal with this important problem.

### "LET PUBLIC JUDGE BY COMPARISON," SAYS BROWNLEE

Expressing amazement at the extraordinary character and tone of Mr. Mitchell's speech, J. E. Brownlee said he

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## Maintenance of Farm Organization Makes for Efficiency in All Co-operative Marketing Pools

Close Co-operation Between Poultry Pool, U. F. A. and U. F. W. A. in Recent Successful Membership Campaign—Expenses of Campaign Pro-rated

By Mrs. F. E. Wyman, Secretary of the Poultry Pool

It sometimes does us good to see ourselves "as others see us." Often we do not realize the value of our farm organization in Alberta. We take it too much for granted, like the air and the sunshine which we use unconsciously, but which is so vital to our well being.

When Mr. Peteet was here, he was very much impressed with the importance of our U. F. A. organization, and expressed himself especially so with our U. F. W. A. organization. He emphasized many times the necessity of maintaining the farm organizations to serve, not only our other needs, but to work in conjunction with our co-operative associations in furthering the principles and the spirit of co-operation, which would result in greater success for the co-operative associations.

### Alberta in Fortunate Position

In a letter recently received by the writer from one of the leaders in co-operative work in one of the other Provinces, this thought is again expressed:

"Alberta, all along the line, has been in a fortunate position, inasmuch as you have been operating directly through your Locals and have more backing on the part of the facilities."

Directly after the U. F. A. Convention of last January, which went on record pledging the support of its members to do everything possible to make the organization of the Pools successful, the U. F. W. A. executive felt, because the farm women were the first to ask for a Poultry Pool, that they could do the organization no greater service than to further, by every practical means, the securing of the necessary number of contracts. The office set aside for the use of the U. F. W. A. became the office of the Poultry Pool. The organization work of the U. F. W. A. became identical with that of the Pool. The expenses of the secretary as well as the U. F. W. A. directors in the field were pro-rated between the U. F. W. A. and the Poultry Pool. This has made for efficiency and economy from the standpoint of both organizations. Many of the officers and members of the Locals have worked valiantly in the canvassing for contracts.

### Should Not Forget Service

The U. F. W. A. will always have reason to be proud of the part which it has performed in fostering and encouraging this co-operative movement. The U. F. A. has also done its part. The Pool, in turn, should not forget the service that has been rendered by the U. F. A. and U. F. W. A. organizations.

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**Answer.** The same service that a non-Pool farmer receives from the same elevator. You should go first to the Elevator Agent through whom you shipped your wheat for any information regarding settlement, grading or any other matter upon which you want information. The elevator is paid for this service by reason of its deduction for handling charges and service charge. If you cannot get satisfaction from the Elevator Company you should then take the matter up with the Pool, being sure to give the name of the Elevator, Car Number, and where the shipment was billed.

**Question.** What should I do when I am dissatisfied with the grade or dockage placed against my wheat by an Elevator Agent?

**Answer.** See paragraph Re Disagreement as to Grade and Dockage on Page 10.

**Question.** What should I do when loading a car over the Platform?

**Answer.** See paragraph Re Platform Cars on Page 10.

**Question.** How much per bushel do I save in loading my wheat over the platform?

**Answer.** You would save 2c per bushel by loading over the platform and billing direct to the Pool. This is made up as follows: You would save the 1½c per bushel which the Elevator Company charges for loading through their house. You would effect a further saving of ¼c on the service charge. The Pool charges ½c per bushel for the service while the Elevator Company charges ¾c per bushel.

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Endorsed—Very Successful Convention at Gooseberry Lake  
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Hearty endorsement of the proposed plan for the equalization of the burden of education in rural districts; a recommendation that the telephone revenue be increased substantially as soon as the financial condition of the Province will permit; and re-endorsement of the U. F. A. principle of economic group representation, were expressed in resolutions adopted by the Coronation U. F. A. Provincial Constituency Association in annual convention at Gooseberry Lake summer resort on July 30th, 31st and August 1st. The convention, which proved one of the most successful in the history of the association, was addressed by G. N. Johnston, the sitting member, and J. E. Brownlee, Attorney General. The gathering was a combined convention and picnic.

"The weather was all that could be desired for such an occasion, and so well satisfied were those present that the delegates passed a resolution to the new board asking them to convene at the same place next year," states the secretary, F. J. Doherty, in his report to "The U.F.A."

"The board had pre-arranged that the business of the convention be disposed of on the first two days and the picnic on the last day: an arrangement that appears to have been entirely satisfactory.

"A few amendments to our constitution and some resolutions were taken up on Thursday, and Mrs. R. Clarke Fraser, convener of Young People's Work, gave us a very able address during the afternoon. This was the first occasion that our convention had the pleasure of an address from one of our lady workers but it will not be our last. We believe that the new board are negotiating now for a lady to address the convention in 1926.

### Johnston Discusses Legislation

"The evening session was given over to our member, G. N. Johnston, who gave us many facts and figures concerning the work of the Legislature.

"The second day, Friday, all resolutions were disposed of by 3.30, at which time J. E. Brownlee, Attorney General for Alberta, was introduced to a crowded house. His address gave many of us an opportunity of hearing both sides of the proverbial 'story', and we believe that his fair methods and fearless manner appealed to nearly every one present.

"Saturday was a day of recreation—a ball game at 11 a.m. followed by another at 3 p.m. Then some swimming events and children's races. After supper the big event of the day took place when the old men defeated the young ladies in a keenly contested ball game. Score 10-9.

### Officers for 1926

During the business hours of convention the following officers were elected for 1926:

President, C. A. Fawcett, Consort;  
Vice-President, Torgier Johnson, Loyalist;  
Sec.-Treas., F. J. Doherty, Consort.

Directors, O. M. Blair, Sedalia; John Dahl, Sedalia; C. S. Smith, Bulwark; John Egger, Lake Thelma; R. C. Kewley, Kerriemuir; F. J. Doherty, Consort.

The following resolutions were adopted:

### Endorse Equalization Scheme

Whereas the proposed amendment to the educational tax act, as submitted to the Legislature during the last session by Hon. P. Baker, is, in our opinion, a better way of providing education for children living in the more unfortunate districts of the Province, and

Whereas we feel that every child should have equal opportunity of education, so as to be better fitted to become a citizen:

Therefore be it resolved—That this convention heartily endorse the Hon. P. Baker's amendment to the educational tax act.

Presented by Broadview Local.

### Group Organization

Be it resolved, that this convention goes on record as being in favor of the principle of economic group representation as advocated by the U.F.A.

Avonlea Local.

### Telephone Rates

Whereas, the Alberta Government telephone system is not on a sound basis financially, as its present revenues are not sufficient to meet the charges of interest, replacement, maintenance and operation;

Be it resolved that this convention is of the opinion that a substantial increase in revenue should be effected as soon as the general financial position of the Province will warrant it.

It is further the opinion of this convention that a tax on lands adjoining telephone lines is preferable to an increase on subscribers' rates.

By Constituency Board.

### Standard Form of Lease

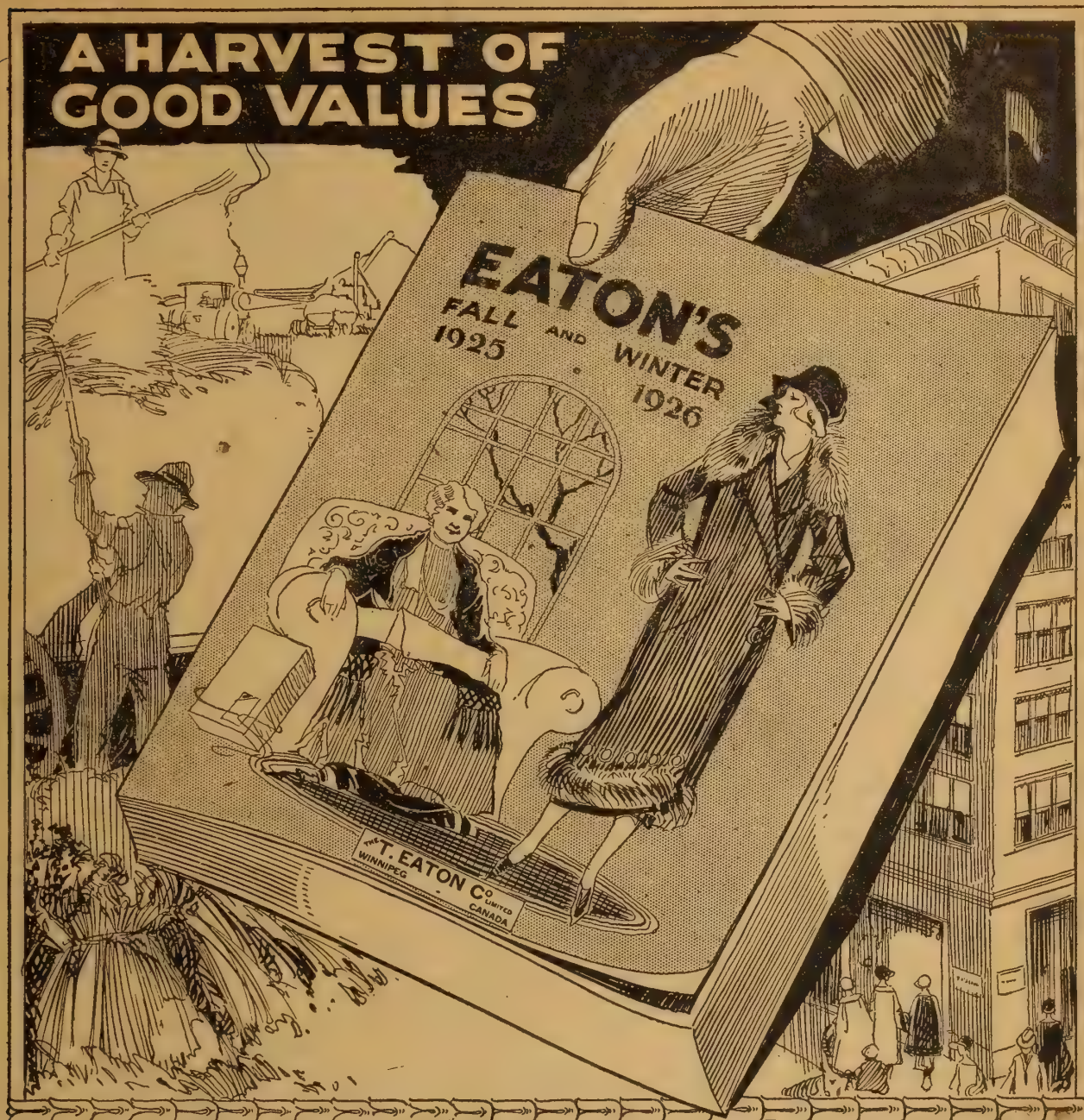
Resolved, that the Provincial Government draw up a standard form of lease for use in connection with the mortgages act.

Sounding Valley Local.

### ATTESTS LOW STANDARD OF REASON AND MORALS

"The merits of gold as standard, store, and measure of value, and as medium of exchange are familiar to every reader of monetary textbooks. They all attest the low level of reason and morals to which man has yet attained. The inhabitants of More's Utopia laughed consumedly at the childish display of gold ornaments by the ambassadors from Earth and the bars of the same metal they bore for barter. What would they have thought today of the constant drain of gold choking the vaults at Washington, and jealously guarded from performing either of the two functions of ornament or purchase. Or of the not less ludicrous alarms and resentments displayed by nations unable to secure or hold their share of this yellow metal? . . . The growing substitution of credit institutions for gold testifies to the general improvement in reason and morals. It is not a good standard, for the goods which a given piece of money will buy are an ever-shifting quantity. Economists have devised far better standards in composites of actual commodities. But what they have failed to devise is rational men and honest governments. So long as men think they want gold, and will not let their goods go except for gold, it will be necessary to have a gold reserve."—J. A. Hobson, noted British economist, in The Nation, New York.





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Below is given a detailed descrip-  
tion of the change in the method of  
checking the amount of the payments  
due to members of the Alberta Wheat  
Pool. It will be brought into effect  
by the Pool at an early date.

The management of the Alberta Wheat  
Pool, in an effort to simplify and ex-  
pedite payments for the coming year,  
have decided to replace the form used  
in connection with the 1924 crop, known  
as a "Growers' Certificate" with "In-  
terim Payment Coupon" attached, with  
A NEW FORM known as a "Growers'  
Receipt", with "Delivery Checking  
Coupon" attached. The lower part,  
known as the "Delivery Checking  
Coupon", will be signed by the Grower,  
torn off at the perforated line, and  
mailed to the Head Office of the Pool,  
for checking records of deliveries made  
by the Grower before future payments,  
if any, are made. The upper part, known  
as the "Growers' Receipt", bears a de-  
scription of deliveries of grade and  
bushelage and will be retained by the  
Grower.

The following questions, together with  
answers, are submitted as a means of  
fully explaining the change in this form  
this year:

Question. Will the same system regard-  
ing Growers' Certificates be used by  
the Pool for the 1925-26 season?

Answer. No. The Growers will receive  
a "Growers' Receipt" from the Ele-  
vator Agent to which is attached a  
"Delivery Checking Coupon."

Question. What is a Growers' Receipt?

Answer. A Growers' Receipt is his evi-  
dence that the wheat described therein  
has been delivered to the Pool. It must  
not be sent into the Pool Office but  
should be kept by the Grower.

Question. What is a Delivery Checking  
Coupon?

Answer. A slip which is attached to the  
Growers' Receipt. This should be  
signed by the Grower and the Post  
Office address filled in. It should  
then be mailed to the Pool Office as  
soon as the Grower has made all or  
most of his deliveries.

Question. Will the Grower who sends in  
his Checking Coupons get his cheque  
before the Grower who waits until the  
Payment is declared?

Answer. Yes.

Question. Will Delivery Checking Coup-  
ons be acknowledged by the Pool Of-  
fice when sent in?

Answer. No. The Grower will still have  
his Receipts, and if his Payments do  
not come through properly, he should  
send a list of his Receipts to the Pool  
Office. The Receipt itself should  
never be sent to the Pool Office unless  
the Grower receives a special request  
to do so.

Question. Why do Growers sometimes

receive more than one cheque for their  
payment?

Answer. For two reasons. First, be-  
cause cheques are issued for deliveries  
according to stations. Therefore, if a  
Grower uses three shipping points, he  
will get three cheques. Secondly, in  
order to have the payment made as  
quickly as possible, the Office Staff  
must make a "cut off" and commence  
calculating the Payment and writing  
order to have the Payment made as  
cheques at least a month before wheat.  
subject to the Payment, ceases to be  
delivered to the Pool by the Elevator  
Companies.

Question. Are the Growers' Receipts or  
Checking Coupons negotiable?

Answer. No. If the Grower wishes the  
Pool to make his payment to another  
party, he must assign his right to re-  
ceive the payment to whosoever he  
desires the Payment to be made. This  
assignment must be filed with the  
Pool Office, otherwise the Payment  
will go to the Grower.

## Pool Members Should Fill Out Their Crop Reports

Return Them to Head Office—They Are  
of Very Great Value to Pool

Twice each year the Head Office of the  
Pool sends out to each member a form with  
the request that he fill in this form and  
return it to Head Office. The forms sent  
out in the Spring are for the purpose of  
compiling statistics showing the number of  
acres which each member sows to wheat  
during that year. The form sent out later  
is for the purpose of compiling statistics  
as to the total number of bushels of wheat  
threshed by Pool members.

### Of Tremendous Value

It will be seen that this information is  
of tremendous value to the Office and to the  
Selling Agency. The majority of members  
have responded loyally to these requests  
and have sent these forms in promptly.  
Other members, for some reasons, have not  
co-operated with Head Office, with the re-  
sult that these statistics cannot be made  
complete. Aside from any other feature of  
this, the member is under an Agreement to  
furnish Head Office with these reports. The  
forms are sent out at considerable expense.  
Members who do not co-operate with Head  
Office in filling in and returning these re-  
ports are not lending their full support to  
the movement. The Head Office ask that  
members give immediate attention to any  
such forms which are sent out in this con-  
nection.

### Return Report Sales Forms

This also pertains to members who have  
received Permits for the sale of wheat for  
seed or feed. Attached to each Permit is  
a form to be filled out and returned when  
the sales are all made. Many members have  
not yet returned these Report Sales Forms.  
A careful check is being kept of these re-  
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his report MAY EXPERIENCE DIFFI-  
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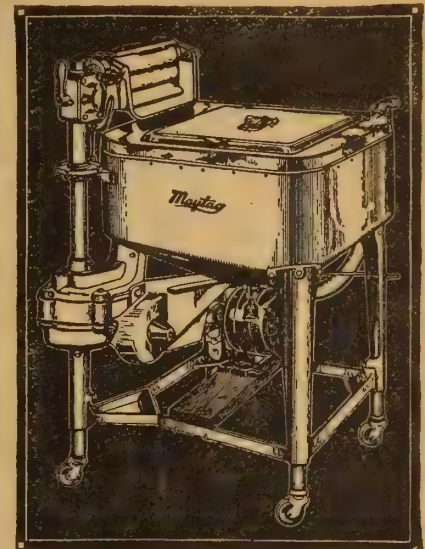
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## Vermilion Convention Reveals Enthusiasm for Farmers' Cause

President Wood, R. G. Reid and H. E. Spencer Deliver Addresses on Urgent Legislative Problems—President on Strength of Movement

With 28 delegates present representing 20 Locals, and a large number of visitors, the annual convention of the Vermilion U. F. A. Provincial Constituency Association was held in the Orange Hall, Manville, on July 30th, and was characterized by enthusiasm and determination to maintain and strengthen the U. F. A. movement and press forward from present accomplishments to greater things. Addresses by President Wood and R. G. Reid, Provincial Treasurer, aroused very great interest. The financial statement showed that the association has a credit balance which is steadily, if slowly, increasing.

### Twenty Minutes to Livestock Pool

Twenty minutes were given during the day to the Livestock Pool signers, to enable them to elect a delegate to the first annual meeting of the Pool in Edmonton.

In his annual address, President H. N. Stearns of the Constituency Association gave an interesting outline of the aims and progress of the association. Resolutions from the various Locals dealing with matters of importance to their respective districts were then considered.

Mr. Stearns was followed by the first vice-president, who dealt with the activities of the executive during the year and made an appeal for support, both moral and financial, from the Locals.

Mr. Reid in his report on the finances of the Province, outlined the history of the Northern railways and described the nature of the present problem, and also discussed telephone administration. "The speaker's ability to deal with big figures and make them intelligible to his audience was amply demonstrated," says D. M. Malin, secretary-treasurer, in a report to "The U. F. A." "He also gave a resume of the reorganization and savings effected in the various departments at Edmonton and concluded with an appeal to all to go forward with the great co-operative work now safely launched and more deeply entrenched in Alberta perhaps than in any other part of the world.

"The evening session opened with musical numbers rendered by Messrs. Connell and J. Lawrence with Mrs. Lawrence at the piano. These were very much appreciated, as proved by the insistent call for encores.

"H. E. Spencer, M.P., gave a comprehensive address on the farmer members' activities at Ottawa during the last session, going with some detail into Railways, Rural Credits, Grain Act, and other matters.

"A most enthusiastic convention was brought to a close by a splendid address by H. W. Wood in which he outlined the progress of co-operation from its earliest days in this country. Stress was laid on the fact that through all its failures and mistakes, an educational process had been going on, and through and because of this, the present results both in the political and economic field had been made possible. He called for all to take an attitude of reaching out and learning more by the application of strict busi-

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ness methods to all phases of the movement, and not to seek artificial inspiration by going over the ground already covered and from which the lessons of experience have already been gained."

#### Officers Elected

Officers were elected as follows: President, H. N. Stearns (re-elected); first vice-president, Geo. Bennett; second vice-president, Mrs. Walker; directors, Messrs. N. Bednarsky, R. B. Hanning, J. T. McDuffe, H. Merryman, H. A. Scarfe, A. L. Perry.

#### SLIGHT REDUCTION IN DEMAND RE RAILWAYS MADE BY BANK

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would be content to "let the public judge by a comparison of this speech with that of the Premier as to who is trying in a business-like way to free this question from politics and solve the difficult railway problem."

Statements in the press and in the Assembly during the past two days had given an entirely false impression to the public as to the realities of the situation, declared the Attorney General. He invited Mr. Mitchell to state his position upon any detail whatsoever of the two offers, and indicate which he considered preferable.

"The opposition leader says he has no opportunity," exclaimed Mr. Brownlee, repeating a remark interjected by Mr. Mitchell. "Why! he has every opportunity. He has the press, which is very generous in reporting him, and he has his own press agent, who always finds an opportunity to express himself in the press."

As to the suggestion of the opposition leader that the Premier should not have negotiated with the railways alone, Mr. Brownlee pointed out that in 1920 the Government of that day had also negotiated, on as important a question, and, except on concluding the agreement, the Premier had negotiated alone.

Mr. Mitchell challenged this statement, declaring that in the case referred to, all that needed to be done was done in a few days.

"Yes," said Mr. Brownlee, "in a few days' negotiations the Government of that day decided on a question that has been bleeding this country white ever since."

Mr. Mitchell: "When I was on the Treasury benches—and I intend to be there again—"

Mr. Brownlee: "The Liberal leader must not pay too much attention to the advice of his organizer."

Mr. Mitchell: "The Attorney General seems to be taking the organizer seriously, from the number of times he refers to him."

#### BEST FRIEND OF THE U. F. A. GOVERNMENT

Mr. Brownlee: "The official organizer of the Liberals is the best friend I have in the Province. I hope he continues his work, for the longer it continues the further the Liberal leader will be from the Treasury benches."

Reading an editorial attack by a party newspaper, charging the Government with being indifferent to the needs of the North, Mr. Brownlee said: "Any charge of indifference to the needs of the settlers of the North is untrue and any charge of delay is also untrue and unsound."

#### NO DELAY BY GOVERNMENT, BROWNLEE DECLARES

Mr. Brownlee dealt briefly with the charge of delay made by A. A. McGillivray, Conservative leader, in his nomination speech. The lease, the Attorney General pointed out, expired on July 25th, 1925. The option on the stock existed until then, and the Royal Bank could not dispose of its shares until then. "We were negotiating before that time, but we could get nowhere. We explored the question of foreclosure long prior to July 21st—as long, in fact, as two years ago. We tried to get an offer from the Union Bank again immediately after the spring session this year, and from the Royal Bank as soon as the amalgamation took place. We had the last interview with Mr. Bennett immediately after his return from

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a meeting of the shareholders of the two banks."

It would have been no more difficult for the Government of 1920 to have foreclosed than it was for the Government of today, declared Mr. Brownlee. The Royal Bank, when it became the stockholder, used its power with the present Government and refused to consent to the lease of either railroad. That was the situation which had to be dealt with.

Dealing with a suggestion of L. A. Giroux, Grouard (Liberal), that the Government place the \$2,000,000 asked by the bank "in escrow" (that is to say, in the hands of a third party, to be delivered to the party who proved title to it after court proceedings), Mr. Brownlee said the Government had no power to force the bank in this manner. Such a proceeding was only taken when one of the parties would be unable to pay if the decision should prove unfavorable. With the common stock of the E. D. and B. C. in their possession, the Royal Bank owned the road, and they could not be compelled to go into court to have the price of the stock fixed. There were additional reasons why the bank could not take such a course. These reasons, however, were given to him in confidence, and could not be disclosed.

"We cannot state in this Assembly what we will offer the Royal Bank," said Mr. Brownlee in further discussion.

"Of course you can't," admitted Mitchell.

### "THE KEY TO THE SITUATION"

"And that," rejoined the Attorney General, pointedly, "is the key to the situation."

Mr. Brownlee pointed out that in addition to the alternatives of C. P. R. or C. N. R. operation, there remained the third plan of Provincial Government operation. "We will not now announce our policy in regard to the operation of the road," he added. "We will not even say if the Government would consider operating the road itself, but we will say that the Government has every confidence in its Minister of Railways and his operation of the Provincially owned lines.

"When the last word has been said by all parties, and the Government has concluded negotiations with the bank, this Assembly will be asked to discuss fully any arrangement the Government may propose for the operation of the road. We are fully alive to the need for a settlement of the question—for the establishment of prairie rates for this season's crop, and for an ultimate outlet to the West coast for the people of the North, and the Government trusts that the Peace River and Grande Prairie settlers will work shoulder to shoulder with it, with a settlement which will be best for all concerned, both now and in the future."

George MacLachlan, Pembina (U. F. A.), said he would deal with the question from a local standpoint. He hoped that in any deal concerning the railroad, the interests of Pembina would be properly safeguarded.

The proposition presented by the Government, contended J. C. Bowen, Edmonton (Liberal), was far from being satisfactory. The attitude of the Royal Bank was merely an "excuse" for the Government, if a mere matter of \$1,700,000 stood between the Government and a settlement of the question. The people of the Peace River were being sacrificed by the Government on the altar of political expediency.

### "CLEARED UP MANY MATTERS," VIEW OF W. T. HENRY

Admitting that the speech of the Attorney General had "cleared up many matters," W. T. Henry, Edmonton (Liberal), went on to contend that the Premier should have called the session of the Legislature later, and had a definite program to lay before the members. It seemed unreasonable that a bank with a claim of \$2,000,000 should hold up the development of the North. "I fail to understand," said Mr. Henry, "why the bank should take so entirely unreasonable an attitude." Mr. Henry favored a deal with the C. N. R.

### ROYAL BANK TAKING ADVANTAGE OF SITUATION

L. A. Giroux, Liberal (Grouard), in placing before the Assembly his proposal that the money asked by the Royal Bank be placed in escrow, suggested that the Royal Bank

was taking a harsh advantage of the present situation. The Government should foreclose, subject to an arrangement to operate. He believed the result of litigation would be unfavorable to the bank.

In committee of the whole on the Pipe Line bill, a very vigorous discussion took place when Dr. Stewart, the Independent Conservative member of the Assembly, introduced an amendment to the original measure, and the amendment was carried with the assistance of a number of the U. F. A. members.

The original bill, while establishing the principle that all pipe lines should be common carriers, gave certain discretion in applying the principle, and gave power to the Minister of Public Works to delegate authority to the Utilities Commission. Retention of the clause which gave this discretionary power was proposed by Alex Ross and J. E. Brownlee, who said that the present bill was intended to meet the emergency of the Okotoks-Calgary pipe line application, and that a more complete bill would be introduced after the Government had had an opportunity to study the common carrier question further. They fully agreed with the common carrier principle, but wished to make a very complete investigation before permanent legislation was enacted. Dr. Stewart's amendment makes all gas and oil pipe lines common carriers without exception, and deprives the Utilities Board of power to vary the regulations under the act.

## Mortgage Companies Will Consider Sale of Wheat Through Pool

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A number of communications have been received at the Head Office of the Alberta Wheat Pool from members, asking that, if possible, arrangements be made with the mortgage companies or other interests who hold crop leases from certain of our members, for the entire wheat crop produced by members of the association to be marketed as Pool wheat.

This question has been taken up by the management of the Wheat Pool with the principal mortgage companies in the Province, with the result that favorable consideration has been assured, **WHEN POOL MEMBERS SO REQUEST**, in arranging for the marketing of their entire crop as Pool wheat. No doubt, mortgage companies and other interests holding crop leases will require that their share, under the crop lease, shall be delivered and marketed through the Pool in the name of the company, and cheque for initial payment thereon, together with Growers' Certificate, be delivered in due course to the mortgage company or other interests. Any member, in delivering share due under crop lease, should have the elevator agent mention his name on the certificate, so that proper record may be made at Head Office of the Pool as to the grower delivering.

In case any member has difficulty in making arrangements as outlined above, please communicate at once with Head Office of the Pool, Loughheed Building, Calgary, as it is very desirable that every effort be made so that the Pool may control the selling rights to the entire volume of wheat grown by its members.

### NOXIOUS WEEDS ACT AMENDED

Amendments of the Noxious Weeds Act of Alberta and of the Agricultural Department Act, will be outlined in the next issue of "The U. F. A."



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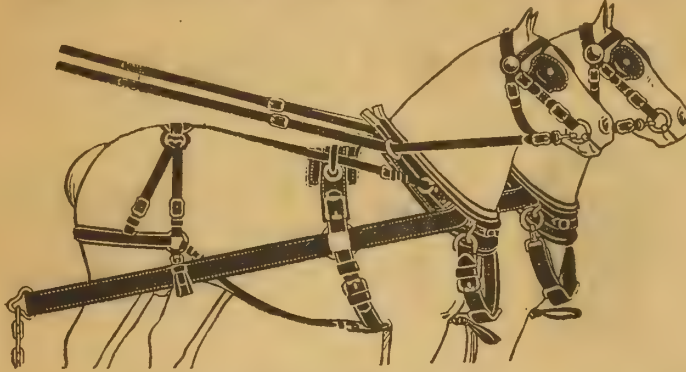
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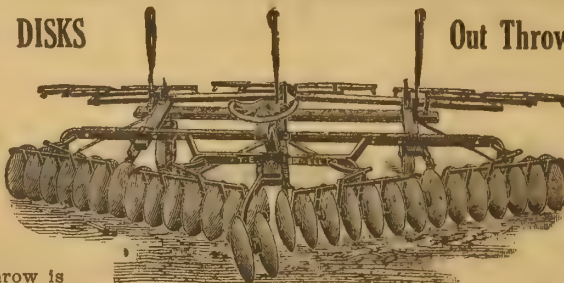
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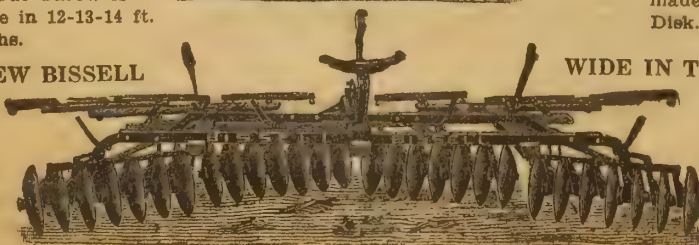


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### WESTERN SALES MANAGER OF SELLING AGENCY DISCUSSES ELEVATOR QUESTIONS

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**Question.** Do the same number of bushels go out of the terminal elevators of the same grades, as come in?

**Answer.** Every elevator at the end of the year is weighed up by the weighmaster, and the same amount of grain that is unloaded is supposed to be loaded out. In the case of private elevators there may be more of one grade going out than came in.

**Question.** Do you think the Pool loses by some of the members' wheat being graded too low, and the mixed wheat coming out to the Pool?

**Answer.** I believe the percentage of Pool wheat unloaded in the private mixing houses, except in the Pool's own mixing elevator, is very small. The Pool take delivery at the terminals—not out of the terminals. In their own mixing house there may be some gains in grades. I hope there are.

**Question.** Could not the public elevators make things very difficult for the Pool in regard to shipments to Vancouver?

**Answer.** In our 1924 contract, we have the right to order our wheat to Vancouver, and I anticipate that under the new contract the same arrangement will be made.

**Question.** Does not that conflict with the Canada Grain Act? Have not the elevators the right to ship the grain where they please?

**Answer.** The Act would not affect a private agreement between the elevators and the Pool. The Act merely says they have the right to ship to their own elevator. If they want to forgo that right, they can do so.

**Question.** Has the Government ever considered marketing wheat in Canada by sample?

**Answer.** Yes. About ten years ago the machinery was put into operation for the selling of grain by sample. It has not developed to any extent because by far the greater part of our grain is shipped for export. In the United States, where there is a large sample market, there is also a tremendous milling market, and mills purchase their wheat by sample. Only a small percentage of the wheat grown in Canada is milled here. But I may say this, that in the last two years there has been a disposition on the part of the millers to buy wheat according to gluten test, and they examine the samples in the inspection office at Winnipeg and subject them to test and pay a premium. It seems likely that as the milling industry develops, that way of buying will develop with it.

### NEW LOCAL AT MILK RIVER

A. S. Burnham has organized a new U. F. A. Local in the Milk River district to be known as "Progress and Plenty", with J. Conner as secretary. Fourteen members have signed the roll.

### CLAYPOOL LOCAL

Central Office has been notified that the Bergen Local 1115 has changed its name to Claypool U. F. A. Local.



## UNANIMOUSLY URGE SPEEDY TRANSFER OF RESOURCES

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The Attorney General explained the agreement clause by clause, and asked the opposition leader to state whether he could outline any better arrangement. To this invitation there was no response.

The agreement, it was pointed out, must pass both Provincial and Dominion houses, and the British Government must then be petitioned and legislation passed. If the present Ottawa Government could be definitely committed to the agreement, succeeding Governments would in all probability fulfill the contract.

### SHOULD COMMEND GOVERNMENT, DECLARES STEWART

The Assembly should commend the Government and ask them to continue their efforts, was the opinion of Dr. J. S. Stewart, Lethbridge (Ind. Conservative). He believed that the draft agreement should not be mentioned in the resolution.

Premier Greenfield in closing the debate, said it would have been as reasonable to expect the Government to accept the first offer of the Royal Bank in respect to the railway, as to expect them to accept the Dominion Government's first offer of the resources. That offer had been accepted only when the Government realized that it was the best that could be obtained without jeopardizing Provincial interests. The spirit of compromise was evident in the agreement.

The forest reserves were the protection of the watershed of the whole of Western Canada, and Saskatchewan had protested that they should remain under Dominion control. They contained large tracts of poor soil, and the revenue from timber was small.

### RESCINDS MOTION ON GOVERNMENT HOUSE

By a vote of 32 to 7, the Assembly rescinded the Davidson-McKeen motion of the earlier part of the session, calling upon the Government to sell or otherwise dispose of Government House. This action was taken on motion of Dr. Stewart, seconded by Premier Greenfield.

Premier Greenfield made the following statement in regard to the matter:

"It was my intention, on behalf of the Government, to place on the order paper, a resolution along the same lines as the resolution of my honorable friend from Lethbridge. I have pleasure, therefore, in seconding the resolution and will avail myself of the opportunity provided by the resolution of my honorable friend to inform the House of the steps taken by the Government, pursuant to the resolution of the House. The Government since the adjournment have carefully canvassed the possibilities of carrying out the recommendation of the resolution.

"In order to ascertain if there was any demand for a property of this kind and to carry out the spirit of the resolution, enquiries were made from a number of realty firms; only one reply was received, and the indications are that the property cannot be readily disposed of and, in any event, could only be disposed of at a very great sacrifice. The building is entirely unsuited for office purposes, both as to location and construction.

"The capital investment represented in Government House, the furnishings and the grounds, represent \$374,017. The annual interest charge is approximately \$17,500. The annual maintenance cost is \$15,000. Making a total annual charge of \$32,500.

"It is not possible to give an estimate of the saving that could be effected by the disposal of the property. At best it would be a comparatively small amount. Considering the proposal then solely on the basis of the reduction in expenditure to be effected by the proposed change, the Government is of the opinion that the results will not be such as to justify them in carrying out the recommendations of the resolution."

M. O. McKeen declared that he would not switch his vote, and Donald Cameron, Innisfail (U. F. A.) suggested that Government House would make an admirable home for aged or indigent persons, and that if it were not put to such use, the Government could

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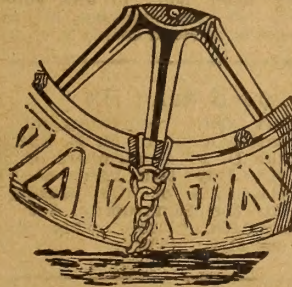
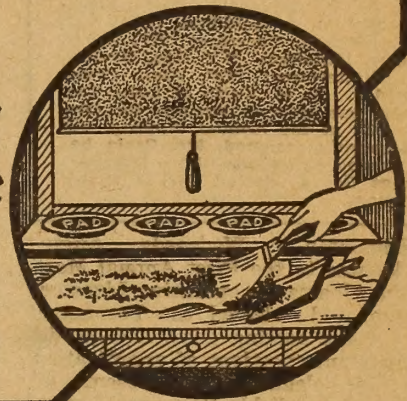
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close the House and put a caretaker in charge, as was done with other superfluous institutions. None could question the loyalty of the Assembly, but this institution was unnecessary.

W. C. Smith, Redcliff (U. F. A.), thought the building should be converted into a home or hospital, and remarked that when many people were in absolute want, the expenditure of from \$15,000 to \$20,000 a year on a needless institution should be abandoned.

C. R. Mitchell, who was, he said, surprised when the original motion passed, fav-

ored rescinding, as did George Mills, Athabasca (Liberal), and various others.

The vote was as follows:

For the motion to rescind: Messieurs Greenfield, Brownlee, Hoadley, Reid, Parly (Mrs.), Baker, Love, Claypool, Forster, Sparks, Shield, Brown, Joly, Washburn, St. Arnaud, Andrews, Cook, Smith, G. W., Enzenauer, Conner, Fedun, Chornohus, Mitchell, Bowen, McClung (Mrs.), Mills, McLennan, Heffernan, Henry, Stewart, Milnes, Pearson.

Against the motion: Messieurs Cameron, Smith, W. C., McKeen, Johnston, G. N., Proudfoot, White, Christophers.

**By-Election to Proceed in Medicine Hat**  
A motion by Fred White, Calgary (Labor), to the effect that on grounds of economy all by-elections in multi-member constituencies should be abandoned until the next Provincial election, was carried by 33 votes to 13. Mr. Hoadley stated that if there had been a unanimous feeling in the Assembly upon this matter, the Government might have applied it in the case of Medicine Hat. Objection to this was taken by some of the Liberals, however, and accordingly the Medicine Hat by-election will proceed as previously announced.

## Elect Permanent Board of Alberta Livestock Pool

Claypool Chairman—Provisional Board Recommends Incorporated Local Unit System

### DIRECTORS OF LIVESTOCK POOL

Following are the members of the Permanent Board of the Alberta Co-operative Livestock Producers, Ltd.: District "A", S. S. Sears, Nanton; "B", A. B. Claypool, M.L.A., Swallow; "C", M. A. McMillan, Tees; "D", J. P. Slattery, Camrose; "E", H. N. Stearns, Innisfree; "F", Geo. Bevington, Winterburn; "G", Alex. Craig, Wembley. E. H. Keith of Lake Saskatchewan was elected Director for District "G" at the Annual Meeting, but subsequently resigned, Mr. Craig being elected to replace him. The Permanent Board elected Mr. Claypool chairman.

In Edmonton on Wednesday, August 5th, delegates to the First Annual Meeting of the Alberta Co-operative Livestock Producers, Ltd., elected the Permanent Board for the coming year, and considered important questions of organization. About fifty delegates were present. H. E. G. H. Scholefield, Vice-president of the U. F. A., was chairman of the meeting. A very complete report from the Provisional Board, outlining the work that has been carried on since August 19th, 1924, when the first meeting of the Provisional Board took place, was presented by W. F. Stevens, secretary. It showed that the Board had devoted a great deal of attention to the subject of a central selling agency, but no specific recommendation was made, as it was considered desirable to leave this matter to the Permanent Board.

### Local Unit Organization

With respect to the form of organization to be adopted in respect to local units, the following recommendation was made in the report:

"The Board recommends unanimously that the local incorporated unit form of organization be accepted and that the Provincial contract signers be merged into these local incorporated units as fast as practicable. A standard form of contract has been prepared by the Board, and will be supplied for that purpose by Central Office.

"It is the opinion of the Board that the interests of the producers will not be best served unless this recommendation is adopted. This can be done in a simple manner, and to this end we have made arrangements which will simplify and expedite at a minimum of expense the necessary changes."

### GRANTED 1,289 PERMITS

Between September 17th, 1924, and June 30th, 1925, a total of 1,289 permits have been granted to members of the Alberta Wheat Pool, to sell outside the Pool. Permits to sell seed totalled 1,188, and permits to sell feed 107.

### POULTRY AND DAIRY POOL BALLOTING

All of the postcard ballots for use in the election of the District Delegates who will elect the Permanent Board of the Alberta Poultry Pool had been sent out from the Head Office in Calgary about a week ago. They must be returned to Head Office, duly filled out, not later than 5 p.m. August 20th. As we go to press, most of the postcard ballots of the Dairy Pool have been sent out from the Head Office, Edmonton. They must be returned not later than 5 p.m. on September 10th.

### SECOND INTERIM PAYMENT

As announced in the last issue of "The U. F. A.", the Second Interim Payment on Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 Nor., is 20 cents a bushel; on No. 5, tough 5, and rejected grades, 15 cents; on Nos. 8, tough 6, smutties and rejected or other grades, 10 cents. On about 2 per cent. of the total, representing feed, and such grades as rejected heated, condemned, etc., no second interim payment has been made.

### HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR CERTIFICATES?

All Second Interim Payment Cheques have now been sent out by the Head Office of the Alberta Wheat Pool, with the exception of payments covering certificates which have not been sent in by the growers for checking of their deliveries. If you have not already sent in your certificate, please do so at once, or, in case your certificates have been sent in and your cheque has not been received, please communicate with Head Office at once.

### SHOULD READ 1925

In the report upon resolutions of the Annual Convention made by H. E. Spencer, secretary of the U. F. A. members of Parliament, in the July 15th issue of "The U. F. A.", the date of the passing of amendments to the Bankruptcy Act was given as June 11th, "1923". This should have read June 11th, "1925".

### WHEAT POOL CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

The following amendments to the Constitution were adopted at the Annual Meeting of the Alberta Wheat Pool:

By-law No. 3, concerning the election of District Delegates, was amended by the addition of the following words:

"In the event of an equal number of votes being received by two or more members, the Board shall cast a ballot for one or other of the members to break the tie."

By-law No. 7 was amended by striking out the word "fourteen" and substituting the word "ten". This by-law is now exactly as it stood before amendment at the Annual Meeting in 1924, and provides that ten days' notice must be given of any special meeting. The change was made necessary to avoid clashing with the provision of Section 13 of the Act of Incorporation.

By-law No. 12 was amended by striking out the words "Immediately after" and substituting the word "during". The reason for this amendment is explained in the report of proceedings.

## "Do Not Throw Away Victory You Have Won," Hamilton

Farmers of Warner Not Likely to Quit if Recent Convention Is Anything to Go By

"The Warner Constituency annual convention held in the Evangelical church at Warner on July 24th and 25th was as well attended as any convention we can recollect, and if the U. F. A. is dying, surely no indication of this was provided, for the interest taken in the meeting was keen, and enthusiasm high," states G. W. Holroyd, secretary of the association, in a report to "The U. F. A."

The convention opened with the singing of "O Canada", followed by the invocation by Rev. Mr. Bancroft, and an address of welcome by L. Misenol, chairman of the village council.

### Why the U. F. A. Is in Politics

At the afternoon session there was an address on the U. F. A. by Mr. Benning and on the U. F. W. A. by Mrs. King, while W. A. Hamilton spoke on "Why We Are in Politics", stating that "the chief reason the farmers are in politics today is that, heretofore, there has been nobody in Parliament to place the needs of agriculture before Parliament and the people, and to help relieve the dire distress the farmers have been in since Confederation."

### Help to Co-operative Marketing

"Another reason for a U.F.A. Government is the aid it has been able to give co-operative marketing, including the million-dollar guarantee for the Wheat Pool, which, Mr. Hamilton said, no other party Government would be likely to grant."

"The U. F. A. in politics", Mr. Hamilton said, "made for co-operation of all groups. It is the democratic way of electing candidates so that the people may have a say in the laws that are made."

"Don't throw away the victory you have won. Don't admit you made a great mistake. Get ready now for an election so that we may express our opinions when the time comes," concluded the speaker.

At 7 o'clock, J. E. Brownlee and officers of the U. F. A. were most enjoyably entertained at a banquet at Warner hotel, by the Warner Board of Trade. In the evening Mr. Brownlee very ably outlined the Government policy and its workings to a house in which standing capacity was taxed to the utmost.

The officers elected for the coming year are: President, A. H. Steckle; first vice-president, D. D. Kippen; second vice-president, Mrs. Perry Jones; directors, D. Wilson; Warner, N. G. Eliason; Milk River, Mr. Hill; Lucky Strike, Mr. Williams.



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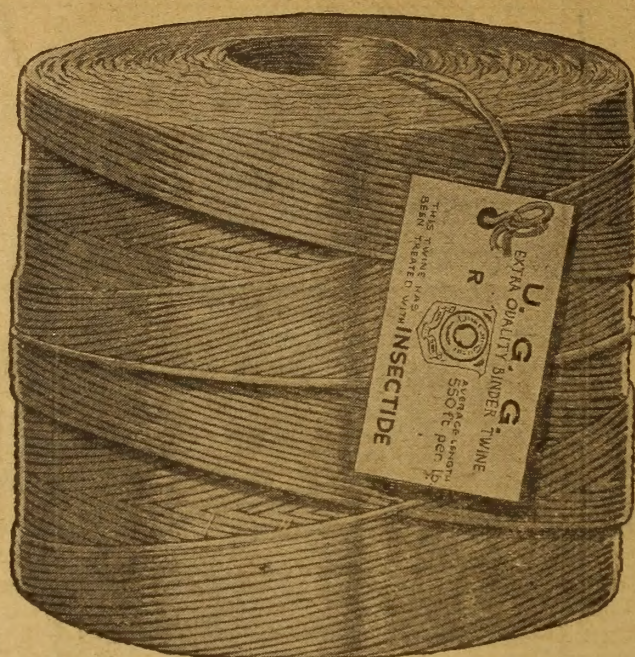
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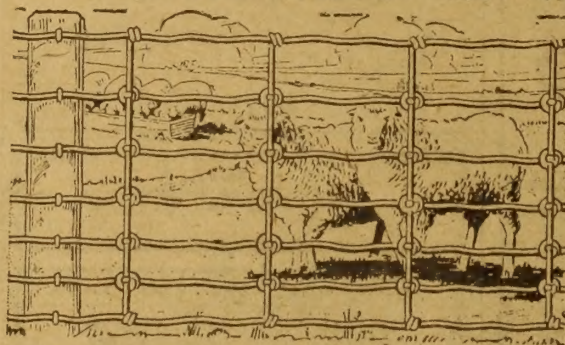
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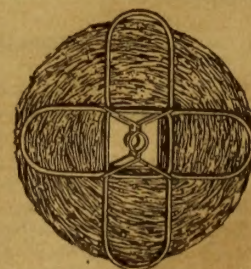
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